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States

Coast Guard crash: The Coast Guard in Alaska suspended its search for six people lost for three days in the frigid Bering Sea after the crash of a rescue helicopter that had plucked them

from a broken freighter. Searchers covered 227 miles of coastline and 550 square miles of ocean before sus-pending the search Friday evening, said Rear Adm. James Olson, commander of the Coast Guard in Alaska.

Peterson trial: Jurors in the Scott Peterson murder trial were sequestered in a hotel Saturday after the judge agreed they could take the weekend off from their sentencing deliberations. They resume their work Mon-

The six men and six women in Redwood City, Calif., have spent 81/2 hours since Thursday deciding whether the former fer-tilizer salesman should live or die for killing his pregnant wife, Laci, and the 8-month-old fetus she was carrying.

Frankel sentencing: A federal judge in New Haven, Conn., sentenced former fugitive financier Martin



plot to cheat insurance companies out of \$200

million to pay for his luxurious lifestyle. In 1999, Frankel triggered an international manhunt when he disappeared from his mansion in Greenwich. He was arrested

in Germany four months later. He pleaded guilty to 24 federal charges of fraud and racketeering, and cooperated with authorities in prosecuting other defendants in the case.

Jackson molestation case: Fingerprints belonging to both Michael Jackson and the boy accusing him of child molestation were found on pornographic magazines seized from Jackson's Neverland ranch last year, the Santa Barbara News-Press reported Saturday, citing sources it did not identify.

If the reported evidence is admitted during Jackson's trial, prosecutors would be expected to argue that the fingerprints were proof that Jackson showed the boy pornographic literature before molesting him. But the defense could question whether the entertainer knew the boy had been leafing through the magazines.

D.C.-area snipers: A judge in Seattle has signed off on a \$2.5 million settlement between relatives of Washington, D.C.-area sniper victims and a gun shop and weapon maker connected to the shootings

In the settlement reached in September, Bull's Eye Shooter Supply of Tacoma agreed to pay \$2 million to two survivors and six families related to the victims of snipers John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo. Gun manufacturer Bushmaster Firearms of Windham, Maine, agreed to pay the remaining \$500,000.

Bushmaster made the weapon used in the 2002 shootings, which the pair reportedly stole from Bull's Eye.

Puerto Rico governor race: Puerto Rico has been wrangling for more than a month over the disputed governor's election with no victor in sight, reopening deep divisions over the island's status and sending the fight to U.S. soil.

Arguments are scheduled to begin Mon-day in the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston on whether the island's Supreme



Philippines storm recovery: Army troops and residents carry relief goods Friday as they walk through debris in the typhoon-ravaged town of Real, Quezon province, east of Manila. Volunteer rescuers have ended their search for survivors Saturday after finding four people from the rubble of a building that collapsed after a landslide following a powerful storm that killed 893 people. Officials say 480 still are missing.

Court or a U.S. district judge should have jurisdiction over thousands of disnuted hallots that favor pro-commonwealth candidate Anibal Acevedo Vila of Puerto Rico's Popular Democratic Party.

Preliminary election results from Nov. 2 showed Acevedo Vila narrowly ahead of pro-statehood contender Pedro Rossello of the New Progressive Party — 48.38 percent to 48.18 percent.

'Siegfried & Roy' tiger attack: The U.S. Department of Agriculture has ticketed the company responsible for the exotic animals used in the Las Vegas "Siegfried & Roy" show, ending a lengthy investigation into the near-fatal tiger attack on illusionist Rov

S&R Productions received the citation Dec. 6, more than 14 months after the bloody attack that left Horn partially paralyzed, USDA spokesman Jim Rogers told The Associated Press on Friday.

Rogers declined to discuss why the company received the citation, but said it does not carry any penalties.

World

Myanmar prisoner release: Myanmar's ruling junta announced Saturday in Yangon that more than 5,000 prisoners have had their sentences suspended and will be freed from various prisons around the country, in the third such release in less than a month.

A brief announcement on the evening news programs of state radio and television said a third batch of 5,070 prisoners whose detentions were ruled irrelevant or improper have had their sentences reduced and will be freed

Sudan peace talks: Delegates from warring parties in Sudan's Darfur region gathered Friday for peace talks in Abuja, Nige ria, where mediators hope to reach a deal to end violence that has left tens of thousands dead and nearly 2 million homeless.

Previous peace negotiations have failed to stop the fighting, and African Union mediators said Friday that attacks continue in Sudan's western region, while serious problems remain unresolved.

"We have two outstanding issues: the political and the socio-economic issues. We exnect at least to reach some understanding on them," said Assane Ba, a spokesmen for the African Union

Representatives from Darfur's two main rebel groups had already arrived in the Ni-gerian capital, Abuja, and Sudan's government delegation on its way.

Military

Mutual fund pressure: Securities regulators are planning sanctions against a company that sold high-fee mutual funds to military officers, sources familiar with the situation said Friday. Some big fund companies said they may reconsider the "contractual plan" funds.

Earlier this year, House members voiced outrage at sales pressure that some companies have put on military personnel, many of whom are being sent to war zones, to buy what are said to be overpriced, unsuitable mutual funds and life insurance

In October, the House passed legislation aimed at protecting military recruits and officers from salespeople promoting such insurance and fund plans. The Senate did not act on the legislation.

Lynndie England case: The case against Pfc. Lynndie England,



charged with abusing Iraqi detainees at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, will be resolved at Fort Hood, Texas, not Fort Bragg, N.C., the Army said Friday. The move is being

made to bring together several cases stemming from the prisoner abuse scandal, including those of England, Spc. Charles Graner,

Sgt. Javal Davis, and Spc. Sabrina Harman, the Army said in a statement.

War on terrorism

British troops in Baghdad: Two hundred members of Britain's Black Watch regiment returned to their English base Saturday after a contentious deployment to back up U.S. forces in Iraq.
The soldiers — the first batch of about 850

due to return over the next few days — were reunited with their families at Warminster barracks in southwest England after a six-month tour of duty in Iraq.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Army hustles to train for 2 types of war

Weapons used in anti-insurgency fight don't apply to conventional warfare

BAUMHOLDER, Germany -In a radical reorientation, many soldiers are training to fight two distinctly different wars as the U.S. Army adapts from the post-Cold War world to fighting the global war on terrorism

Even soldiers in the Army's last armored division are expected to train to be ready to wage two completely different fights a nebulous counterinsurgency such as Iraq, and a large force-on-force conflict on a defined battlefield.

While a majority of soldiers in the 1st Armored Division are infantrymen, the Army is becoming more high-tech, not less, and heavy divisions are bringing a larger number of complex, high-skill weapons systems to the battlefield.

The Army's plan to keep those soldiers proficient on those weapons is being tested to the limits. During recent Multiple Launch

Rocket System live-fire training Baumholder's range near Idar-Oberstein, crews from the 1st AD's 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment were slow to start working together to fire the rockets, among the most lethal veapons in the U.S. arsenal.

Batteries were scheduled to begin three firing scenarios at 8 a.m., but didn't finish until late in the afternoon because of complications, including peacetime safety regulations, only a few miles from the main town of Baumholder

Before the firings, mechanics wrestled with recalcitrant vehicles that had been shipped back from Iraq "with a lot of prob-lems," said Staff Sgt. Julio Metzler, a Battery C section chief.

"Knockin' the rust off," is how Pfc Aaron Irions a driver for headquarters battery, put it, a phrase echoed by Metzler and other soldiers describing the crew qualifications - step 8 in an 18-step series of competency tests termed rocket tables

Two-pronged approach

But the question becomes. what if the 1st AD must fight a conventional war soon after returning from Iraq?

With U.S. forces fighting asymmetrical wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, can they be expected to fight a conventional war against North Korea or Iran?

Army officials are trying their best to make sure soldiers are pro ficient at both conventional and anti-insurgency warfare. said Jonathan Grossman, a senior researcher specializing in military technology and military training at the Santa Monica, Calif.-base RAND Corp., a nonprofit think tank that often helps shape public

But with two "main" missions, how much time can soldiers dedicate to retaining critical, highly perishable skills with high-tech weapons systems?

"That's an open-ended ques-Grossman said.



Staff Sgt. Lennie K. Mattis, a launcher chief, waits early in the morning in his M270 launcher for his crew's chance to fire rockets during training last month in Baumholder, Germany. The 1st Armored Division is training for the possibility that a war on a conventional battlefield could follow the anti-insurgency war in Iraq.

Rocket launcher delivers deadly blow

Iraq, "then go to Graf and put the

first missile down range perfectly the first time," he said, referring to the Combat Maneuver Train-

The new reality

complained at Baumholder, head-

quarters for the 1st AD's 2nd Bri-

gade and Division Artillery. Fir-

ing an MLRS was "awesome,"

Though crews were nervous be-

"high-fived each other in the

launcher" upon completing the

firings, said Staff Sgt. James Cook-man, a Battery C section chief.

Yes, having to train for two fights

instead of one is not easy, but it's

"I have confidence we can do it

It's what we're asked to do and I

have every confidence we're going to do it and do it well." Met-

the new reality, he said.

first test, they

That said, no soldier or officer

ing Center in Grafenwöhr

Metzler said

zler said.

the

real use in the anti-insurgency battle in Iraq.

MLRS crews can fire a variety of rockets, some

That kind of firepower has the effect of turning

of which give U.S. forces the ability to destroy the

enemy's command-and-control at ranges up to 25

an enemy armor offensive "into a bunch of tanks wandering around without a mission," said Maj.

John Frisbie, operations officer for the 1st Ar-

mored Division's 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artil-

lery, based at Strassburg Casern near Baumhold-

Apache attack helicopters are free to penetrate deeper into enemy defense and fire Hellfire mis-

With MLRS crews wiping out enemy radar,

er. Germany

siles, Frisbie added.

Typically, heavy divisions are

given about 10 months to get back

up to speed following a deploy-

ment. But can soldiers cope with

two "main" missions at the same

"Sure you can, but you can't ex-

pect that same level of proficien-

cy doing a skilled job ... immedi-

ately after coming back from the

desert." said retired Gen. Dennis

Reimer, a former Army chief of

staff who helped Gen. Eric Shinse-

That the Army is training sol-

diers for two diverse missions "in-

dicates, one, how high a quality of

adapt to other more urgent re-

quirements; and two, the flexibili-

ty of the Army," Reimer said in a

telephone interview from the Na-

tional Memorial Institute for the

Prevention of Terrorism in Okla-

But artillerymen can't be ex-

pected to fight as light infantry in

homa City, where he's director.

soldiers we have, who can

ki shape the modern Army.

Each tracked M270 launcher and its crew of The Multiple Launch Rocket System, built by Lockheed Martin, is one of the deadliest weapons driver, gunner and section chief can fire up to 12 on the conventional battlefield, though it has no rockets in less than 60 seconds, according to Lockheed Martin documents

Each MLRS launcher can deliver almost 8,000 munitions in less than 60 seconds at ranges exceeding 20 miles. Some canister-type rockets have the ability to disperse enough bomblets in 60 seconds to annihilate enemy troops over an entire 1,000 square-meter map grid.

A battalion's five batteries - a total of 18 launch ers - fire for the division commander via battalion and battery tactical operations centers. But each M270 crew can act independently, depending on the circumstances.

"It's not your dad's artillery anymore lined up and firing together," Frisbie said - Terry Boyd

> The battalion hadn't fired the MRLS since last March at Butler Range east of Baghdad, said Maj. John Frisbie, operations officer.

Frisbie and other officers echoed soldiers, saying that returning to artillery training after fighting in Iraq is exhilarating, but

Coordinating the highly mobile launchers with battalion command-and-control after months in Iraq, then nearly four months of reintegration, proved difficult.

Even firing practice rockets, which have a limited range, "is so precise that to go from being an 11 Bravo to firing rockets from point A to point B at a target you

can't see is tough," Frisbie said. The battalion now will break off their normal rocket tables to go to Grafenwöhr in March for infantry training to prepare for an eventual return deployment to

In theory, both missions - artil-

but in reality neither is, Grossman said. Learning light-infantry tactics such as maneuvering techniques, he said, "is really quite dif-

Firing the MRLS seems straightforward, but the ATAC-MS — Army tactical missile system with multiple warheads "demands very detailed procedures to put in target information. They employ shoot-and-scoot tactics. At O-dark-30 on the battlefield, all hell can break loose unless teams are proficient," Grossman said.

He likened a dual mission to a heart surgeon who's also a brain surgeon: "It's not inconceivable you can do both, but it's difficult.

Able to adapt

Studies show that soldiers who score in the top 25 percent on standardized Army entrance tests tend to learn at the fastest rate, Grossman said. For smarter soldiers, training

for two missions may not be a big problem, he said. For the rest "are we asking too

much?" he asked.

The ongoing two-mission reorientation is not unprecedented, say Pentagon officials and retired officers, who added that the Army always has trained for the most likely threat.

Reimer says he sees some similarity to Vietnam, where he went as an artillery officer, but ended up assisting infantry units.

"War changes things, and we're at war," Ralph Peters, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and author of "Beyond Baghdad: Postmodern War and Peace," said in an e-mail interview.

All Army units change their mission statement to reflect the most probable tasks they will perform, wrote Lt. Col. Christopher Rodney in an e-mail response to a Stars and Stripes query.

Peacekeeping and peacemaking tasks are most probable for 1-94, "and so it is reflected in their training focus," wrote Rod-ney, who works in the media relations division for the Department of the Army in Washington, D.C.

Peters, who is often critical of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, says he's not worried - soldiers have sufficient time to recover skills after Iraq.

'Certainly, Iraq is taking a toll, but the Army doesn't exist to wait for the perfect conflict," he wrote.

It's easy to draw catastrophic conclusions from tactical details. Peters said. But he said he believes Iraq is having a positive effect on the Army, with the com-bat-experienced making it now the most experienced army in the world, as well as the best-trained and equipped.

"I think this is a very positive story that soldiers can adapt to the mission," Reimer said. "I think that's the story—the ability of the soldiers and the versatility of the soldiers. We couldn't have done that in Vietnam. We didn't have the quality of soldiers.'

1st AD GI guilty of aggravated assault in nightclub killing

By KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — A military panel found Army Pvt. Nestor K. Velazquez guilty of aggravated assault in the stabbing death last April of a man at a popular Mainz-Kastel nightclub.

Deliberating for nearly nine hours over two days at the courtroom on Wiesbaden Army Airfield, the

field, the six-member jury opted for conviction on a charge far less serious than unpremeditated murder, which the prosecution had sought.



If convicted of that charge, Ve-

lazquez could have received a life sentence. Instead, the 19-year-old Brooklyn native will receive a sentence of no more than three years in prison, and possibly much less, given that he has served 237 days in pre-trial confinement.

At press time Saturday the jury was still in the sentencing phase of the case. "Panels do what they think is

"Panels do what they think is right, and what they think is right depends on a lot of different things," said Maj. Meg Foreman, one of two prosecutors in the case. "The verdict is only half the

The decision was greeted with stone silence by the family and friends of Santo Scardino, the 18-year-old son of Italian immigrants. Scardino was stabbed five times on April 18 during a chaotic fight at the Euro Palace that pit Velazquez and another soldier against Scardino and at least four of his friends.

"Is that what my son's life is

worth?" Maria-Rita Scardino, the victim's mother, asked through a translator.

When a recess was called after the verdict, Velazquez turned around and hugged his tearful mother, whispering consoling words to her. Security was unusually high in the courtroom for the last two days as the trial neared its conclusion amid fears spectators might disrupt proceedings.

Defense attorneys argued during the six-day trial that Velazquez and Pfc. Anquan Huggins, both 1st Armored Division soldiers, were making their way to the restroom when Scardino approached Huggins to renew a dispute Velazquez had mediated roughly 30 minutes earlier

Huggins, who was granted immunity in exchange for his testimony, admitted he threw the first punch. Velazquez's attorneys maintained Velazquez was caught up in a row not of his desire or making.

only when the two soldiers were outnumbered and objects were being thrown did Velazquez pull out his knife in self-defense, the ottomora graid

the attorneys said.

The defense said it is not entirely clear what happened, in part because of a shoddy investigation by German police, who originally had jurisdiction in the case. That included the loss of a second unifer necovered from the bar, and the release of a suspect who was seen dropping the presumed murder weapon, said Capt. Will Helix-

on, a defense attorney.
"It was a carefully considered opinion by the panel, and they obviously didn't believe, by a reasonable doubt, that our client killed Mr. Scardino," Helixon said.

MIT. Scarumo, recinous sur-Prosecutors, however, felt strongly that Velazquez was responsible for Scardino's death. Their case relief heavily on blood lazquez's admission to friends and German police that he thought he stabbed a couple of people during the fight. Outside the court, shortly after

Outside the court, shortly after the verdict was read, Scardino's mother could be seen and heard weeping inconsolably, and repeatedly invoking her son's name.

edly invoking her son's name.
"Santo was so popular," Marino
Concetta, a close family friend,
said back in the courtroom. "Everybody loved him. He was a
good boy. He did not deserve

good boy. He did not deserve such a destiny."

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BEN MURRAY/Stars and Stric

Blues Traveler lead volcalist and harmonica player John Popper sings at Friday night's Operation Season's Greetings concert at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Something to sing about

Blues Travelers, Patriots cheerleaders stop by Ramstein to deliver holiday concert to airmen

BY BEN MURRAY

Stars and Stripes
RAMSTEN AIR RASE Germa

ny — There are few situations that drive an airman to volunteer to be dressed as a woman and made to dance in public.

But members of the New England Patriots cheerleading squad at Ramstein Air Base on Friday night had little trouble recruiting volunteers to join them on stage, where the airmen donned wigs and makeup and shook their pompoms in the spotlight

The gag was part of Operation Season's Greetings, a music and entertainment show currently touring air bases around Europe with an Air Force Reserve and U.S. Air Forces in Europe band and the five-man rock group Blues Traveler.

Sponsored by USAFE and the Air Force Reserve, the free concerts have been supplemented by daytime appearances by Blues Traveler and the cheerleaders, who have signed autographs and mingled with troops at bases in the Azores and Turkey before moving on to Germany.

Operation Season's Greetings is Blues Traveler's third tour for servicemembers in recent years, and band front man John Popper said the group keeps returning because it's the best way the members have to personally thank troops

"I'm just so amazed by what kids half my age can do," Popper said. "We don't feel like we hold a candle to the airmen."

Band members agreed that, while they enjoy being able to play the concerts, their real gratification comes from being able to meet with military members and their families.

Though the constant string of daily appearances make for a "physically exhausting" two-week schedule, Popper said, the interaction allows him to do more of what he said is the highlight of the tour: "Getting to look some kid in the eye and thank them"

Friday's show opened with a performance by a combined Air Force Reserve and USAFE Band, which warmed up the crowd with a mix of rock, country and Christmas songs.

The cheerleaders then took over, performing several dance routines with assistance from the crowd, followed by Blues Traveler, who closed the show with an hour-long performance.

After Friday's show in Ramstein and one in Spangdahlem on Saturday, Operation Season's Greetings was to travel to Menwith Hill Station and RAF Mildenhall in England for shows Monday and Tuesday before wrapping up the tour at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, on Thurs-

day.

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Pentagon extends federal fund-raiser deadline

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Pentagon officials have granted requests

from combat commanders to extend by two weeks the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas deadline in light of the fast-paced operational tempos and extended troop deployments, a CFC official said.

The Defense Department extended the deadline from Dec. 3 until Dec. 15, if needed, said Greg Sassman, director of CFC-Overseas Europe.

"DOD reacted to overseas requests from Central Command and Pacific Command, saying they needed more time, and based on those two requests, gave the option to all overseas commands to extend if needed."

European Command, however, declined to take the Pentagon up on its extension offer, and kept the deadline at Dec. 3, Sass-

"That doesn't mean we're not accepting donations" from units who collected funds up until the deadline and are "just late in turning their stuff in for whatever reason," he said.

"It just means there is to be no future active solicitations and events for CFC," Sass-

As of Friday, EUCOM had raised more

year's total of nearly \$6.4 million, he said.

"We think it had a lot to do with the leadership, especially Army leadership, which really got behind and the program this year and supported it." he added.

Troops operating in the Central, Southern and Pacific commands' areas of responsibility have that extra time to both turn in their pledge cards and to actively solicit and host events in order to get donations for the federally-sponsored fund-raising campaign for charitable organizations, Sassman said.

CENTCOM, which includes the current conflict areas of Iraq and Afghanistan, so ing last year's total of \$2.6 million, he said. SOUTHCOM's \$62,591 total makes it the sole combatant command to lag behind last year's sum of little more than \$85,000, Sassman said

year's sum of little more than \$85,000, Sassman said.

Because of time zone differences, the PACOM total was not available by dead-

Inne.

CFC is open to all U.S. government personnel, military or civilian, and DOD contractors and foreign nationals employed by the U.S. government.

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5 honored for work in **Brit-American relations**

The British-American Community Rela tions Committee at RAF Mildenhall, En gland, recently recognized 18 people and presented five major awards to Britons and

Americans during its annual reception The five major awards are named after the late Jack Haylock, a Member of the British Empire honored for his service to Brit-

ish-American rela. tions. He was chair-man of the Mildenhall for 13 committee years, according to a the Mildenhall public irs office.

Havlock The awards, which recognize outstanding volunteer service, were presented to

■ Senior Master Sgt. Mike Dallas, the American individual award

winner. In September 2002, Dallas became youth football manager for the Silfield United soccer club in Norfolk, a team of 9-to-10-year-old boys, and built it into league champions, unbeaten in all its competitive matches.

■ Tracey Cooper, the British individual award winner. She is the English liaison in the 100th Air Refueling Wing Legal office, and deals daily with all manner of issues con-

cerning the base and the British authorities ■ Mackenzie Madden, the youth award winner. Mackenzie, a 15-year-old at Lakena local shop run by Oxfam, a British relief agency that fights worldwide poverty, and at area nursing homes and for community service groups

■ The 95th Reconnaissance Squadron a group award winner. The squadron sup-ports the local meals-on-wheels service, delivering more than 1,500 meals to the elderly during the past year. It also helped clear overgrown courtyards



nior Airman Jared Pietras

raised nearly \$10,000 for the BBC's Children in Need project.
■ RAF Mildenhall's Honor Guard team. the second group award winner. Its main mission is to provide final military hon-

ors for deceased Air Force members. Its 54 members provide pall-bearers, a firing party and color-bearers to honor the deceased mostly elderly retired veterans

Others recognized at the Dec. 3 ceremony were: the 100th Aircraft Maintenance Squad ron: the 727th Air Mobility Squadron: Philip Dodd, director of Forest Publishing, Ipthe 100th Operations Support Squa ron; Nick Ladell; Staff Sgt. April Lam; Tech. Sgt. Douglas and Susan McGraw; Staff Sgt. Jerry Millard; 100th Mission Support Squad

ron; Steve Perry; 100th Security Forces Squadron; Senior Airman Ivan Ruiz; and Se-

Voting Assistance Program mailed out post-election surveys to military personnel serving overseas to see if they were able to vote in the November election and what could help them better participate and green areas, and in future elections.

By LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The presidential election may be over, but the Department

of Defense still is trying to get out the

This month, the department's Federal

More than 118 million Americans voted in November, about 12 percent more voters than in the 2000 election. Defense Department spokeswoman Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke said officials don't yet know if military voters followed that trend.

"However, the large number of individuals assisted via phone and e-mail indicates a high level of interest in the election," she said

Before the November election, more than 230,000 absentee ballots were sent to troops serving outside the United States, according to the Military Postal Service Agency. About 180,000 were re-

A Pentagon study following the 2000 election found that about 29 percent of military personnel who wanted to vote did not get the chance, either because ab-sentee ballots were not available or they received the document too late

partment officials worked closely with the U.S. Postal Service to speed up delivery and return of those ballots and increased access to federal write-in absentee ballots, used for troops who did not receive the proper paperwork from their local precincts

DOD survey checking on satisfaction with ballots

> The troops receiving surveys were selected randomly, and participation is voluntary. Troops who receive the mailed surveys either can return the paper form or log their responses on the Internet. Voting program officials expect about 30,000 to take part in the survey.

Krenke said officials will use those responses to decide what changes helped troops the most and what other services are needed.

Under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, each state is required to report the number of absentee ballots sent out to troops and how many were received back, so military officials can suggest improvements to the systems.

Those figures are due to the federal Election Administration Commission by Feb 7. Data from the Defense Depart-ment's election survey should be available in spring.

An analysis of the successes and shortcomings of those military absentee ballot programs is due to Congress by the end

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Danny Ocean and his crew, having successfully stolen \$150 million Las Vegas casinos in the first film, jet to Europe with three new heists planned, including swiping Rembrandt's Nightwatch from a gallery in Amsterdam. Meanwhile, casino owner Terry Benedict, whom Ocean and crew ripped off in Las Vegas, is hot on their tail, looking for revenge





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Chaplains go extra mile for troop ministry

Landstuhl program helps them better counsel servicemembers with recent wounds, trauma

BY BEN MURRAY Stars and Stripes

LANDSTUHL, Germany — Faced with the difficult task of ministering to wounded troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, a group of 10 Army, Air Force and Reserve chaplains have taken an extra step to provide better care for America's fighting men and women

On Friday, the chaplains graduated from a two-week course in combat and emergency medical ministry, offered for the first time in Europe at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Designed to teach chaplains how to better counsel troops with recent wounds and trauma from their injuries, the classes expose participants to some of the harsh realities of military ministry.

"The whole idea is to battle-proof the unit ministry teams," said Chaplain (Maj.) David Bowerman, deputy staff chaplain at the hospital and the coordinator for the

The Army has offered the courses for years, but only at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, according to instructor Chaplain (Jt. Col.) George Bearden, a training manager for the Department of Pastoral Ministry at the U.S. Army Medical De-

partment Center and School there.
But with U.S. causalities returning from
Iraq and Afghanistan crossing paths with
chaplains in Germany, it made more sense
to take the course to the hospital than to send people to Texas, Bowerman said.



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holder, Germany, talks with Staff Sgt. Jarrod Charles from the 2nd Infantry Division at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center on Wednesday.

To facilitate the classes, two teachers of counseling troops returning from ba

Chaplain (Capt.) Artie Maxwell of the 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment based in Baum-

To facilitate the classes, two teachers were flown over from Fort Sam Houston and two former instructors stationed in Germany were tapped to lead a condensed version of the ministry classes, Bowerman

Emergency medical ministry is intended to introduce new chaplains to the specifics

of counseling troops returning from battle, Bearden said, while the "combat" course is a more advanced class

Melded together for the Landstuhl sessions, the classes use coursework, lectures and roundtable discussions to teach chaplains how to improve their spiritual sup-

friends

"They brought in some pretty shocking slides," Bowerman said. "You know, blood and guts."

There is also a practical side to the classs, Bearden said. Beginning students performed daily rounds at Landstuhl as part of the curriculum, visiting soldiers and acclinatizing themselves to the hospital environment. All participants were also required to rotate on-call shifts to greet patients arriv-

rotate on-Cau smirs to greet patients arriving at the facility from downrange.

As the military's medical hub in Europe,
As the military's medical hub in Europe,
Landstuhl has had no shortage of troops for
chaplains to talk to: close to 21,000 have
been treated at the hospital since the start
of Operation Enduring Freedom.
Spc. Eddie Mejia, a chaplain's assistant

Spc. Eddie Mejia, a chaplain's assistant with the 173rd Airborne Brigade out of Vicenza, Italy, is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in coming weeks.

He said the program has been a good first step in being prepared to minister to battle casualties, if he does encounter them. He hopes it will reduce the shock of the experience.

Bearden added that, though that kind of preparation is central to the combat and emergency medical ministry classes, the overall goal is to improve chaplains' counseling abilities overall.

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"The purpose for us being here is because we want to do the best we can for our soldiers and our Marines," he said.

A second offering of the condensed classes is being planned for April, he said, but dates are not confirmed.

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Fatal accident

A U.S. sailor was killed Friday when the motorcycle he was driving collided with another vehicle near U.S. naval bases in Nonloc Italy.

in Naples, Italy.

The sailor, who was not identified pending notification of next of kin, was traveling on S57 around 3 p.m. when the accident occurred, according to Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Braun of the Navy Region Europe public affairs office.

The sailor was pronounced dead by Italian medical personnel who were called by Italian police.

Braun said the 32-year-old sailor was assigned to the Navy hospital at Gricignano as a corpsman. She said he was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident

'Brothers' visit Hanau

Six World War II veterans who inspired the "Band of Brothers" book and HBO miniseries will visit the 127th Aviation Support Battalion in Hanau, Germaty this work

ny, this week.
The vets of "Easy Company"
of the 501st Parachute Infantry
Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. will share war stories from

the Battle of the Bulge at Bastogne and other experiences. They'll visit troops of the

They'll visit troops of the 127th at the Flieger-horst Casern gymnasium in Hanau at 2 p.m. Tuesday. On Wednesday, they'll meet soldiers, civilians and their families at the Wolfgang

Casern bookstore at 2 p.m.

The men of Easy Company were involved in three years of operations in Europe, parachuting in on D-Day and culminating with their mission to capture Hitler's Eagle's Nest.

Globetrotters cancel

The Harlem Globetrotters have canceled their performance scheduled for Sunday in Mannheim, Germany, because of transportation problems. The basketball entertainers

The basketball entertainers are currently on a tour of nine U.S. military bases in 10 days. They were in Spain and Italy during the past week, and are scheduled to perform at bases

in Turkey later this week.

Announcement of the Mannheim cancellation was made
by Jim Sohre, U.S. Army Entertainment director with Installation Management Agency-Europe. No other details were avail-

From staff reports

Senior defense official who was under investigation is removed from office

By T. CHRISTIAN MILLER
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A senior defense official placed under investigation by the FBI for allegedly trying to steer Iraqi reconstruction contracts toward friends has been removed from office, Pentagon officials confirmed Friday.

John A. "Jack" Shaw, the Pentagon's deputy undersecretary for international technology security, was ordered to leave after refusing to sign a letter of resignation, the officials said. His last day was Fridav.

"He was asked to discontinue his service," a senior Pentagon official said.

Shaw, whose activities were detailed in the Los Angeles Times earlier this year, was one of a handful of high-ranking U.S. officials who drew the scrutiny of investigators looking into how billions in taxpayer dollars were being spent in Iraq to rebuild that Shaw allegedly tried to steer two contracts, one involving telecommunications and a second involving dredging at an Iraqi port, to companies linked to longtime friends or the clients of longtime

After the allegations against his surfaced last spring, Shawr presponded with a report of his own, charging that one of the U.S. officials accusing him had taken bribes in a conspiracy to place Iraq's cellular phone network under the control of a former Sad-

Shaw did not respond to requests for comment on his ouster. However, in e-mails and letters exchanged with Pentagon officials over his departure, Shaw portrayed himself as a whistle-blower who was being unfairly asked to resign for having high-

dam Hussein ally

lighted problems with the cellular phone licensing process.

In a letter to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Shaw expanded on the accusations made in his previous report, charging that Defense Undersecretary Douglas Feith, his former law partner Marc Zell and Ahmad Chalabi, president of the Iraqi National Congress, also were in-

volved in the conspiracy. He also charged that Lawrence Di Rita, the Pentagon's top spokesman, was organizing a "smear campaign" against him, according to an e-mail obtained by The Times. If forced to step down, he threatened Di Rita that he would unleash "Iran-Contra II," a reference to the scandal that roiled the Reasan administra-

tion.
"I cannot submit my resignation to you until it is clear that the
well-orchestrated campaign to obstruct justice and suppress the
findings of my office has been
properly addressed and stopped,"
Shaw wrote in a letter to Rums-

feld.
Di Rita dismissed Shaw's charges against Feith as "obviously ridiculous."



















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Anaconda armor shop improvises upgrades

Facing perilous roads, battalion's creative welders keep drivers safe

BY RON JENSEN Stars and Strines

LOGISTICS SUPPORT AREA ANACONDA, Iraq — Sgt. David Kamm said soldiers had a motto in the days when they drove the dangerous roads of Iraq protected by nothing more than the thin aluminum of their truck cabs

"Mission first, lives second. Everybody talked about it in the 7th Transportation Battalion. said Kamm, an Army National Guard member from Michigan, who drives a truck as a civilian

There was no protection from the increasing bullets and roadside bombs. They had no more protection than a trucker rolling om Lansing, Mich., to Des Moines, Iowa

"Vulnerable? Definitely," said Pvt. Andrew Harbison, another driver from Michigan

Last week, National Guard soldiers in Kuwait questioned Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld about the lack of armored vehicles as their units prepare to head north into Irag. On Thursday, Rumsfeld said he expected the Army to do its best to provide adequate armor for all vehicles used

But 11 months and 11 million miles ago, the 7th Transportation Battalion out of Fort Bragg, N.C., couldn't wait for the Army upgrade. Its 1,500 soldiers in Iraq had 500 pieces of rolling stock Humvees and trucks - with skin nearly as soft as a baby's.

Maj. Mark Paget, the battalion executive officer, said there was no alternative when the battalion's vehicles had to leave Kuwait and drive north last January.

"We came up in soft skin vehicles. And we took hits," he said "We quickly realized we needed to do something fast."

The battalion began a full-scale upgrade of every vehicle that would leave Anaconda, the supply heart of the mission.

Harbison said, "When we first got here from Kuwait, we were utting [metal] plates on the inside of the doors

Sheets of Plexiglas were fas-tened to the outside of the doors, which was enough to stop some shrapnel, he said, but did not provide the type of protection drivers wanted

Kevlar blast blankets were hung in the backs of truck cabs. More than once, the blankets caught shrapnel headed for the drivers. Mylar covered the windows to prevent the glass from shattering when hit by a bullet or

"We did this very quickly, in the first 30 days," Paget said.

As the battle against the insurgency in Iraq has progressed, convoys have proved to be a favorite target. More than half of the battle deaths in Iraq have been from the roadside bombs that explode as vehicles pass. Nine deaths are from the 7th Transportation Bat-

Capt. Michael DeLaughter, battalion maintenance officer. showed off some plates of the metal known commercially as

"We had [Explosive Ordnance Disposal] go out and shoot at this panel," he said.

It took seven bullets from a Squad Automatic Weapon to punch through. And an AK-47 fired at the plate barely left a mark

That convinced the battalion, which began cutting plates and bolting them to doors as fast as possible. The battalion has purchased \$800,000 of the armor plate, which is tough but easy to

To speed the process, a template was made so the armored plates could be cut more quickly. Kamm said that as the armored

plates were being cut in the maintenance shop, the drivers were grabbing them



Capt. Michael DeLaughter, battalion maintenance officer for the 7th Transportation Battalion at Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq, shows a homemade upgrade done to the door of a truck. Faced with driving unarmored vehicles across the dangerous Iraq roads, members of the battalion began improvising their own armor. "We took the initiative on this," said Maj. Mark Paget, the battalion executive officer. "Nobody ever told us no.

"We went out at night and put

them on ourselves," he said. The 57th Transportation Battalion in Talil visited Anaconda, saw the results and is doing the same thing, the major said. They are sharing their methods with the transportation school at Fort Eus-

DeLaughter calls this a Level 3 upgrade — a do-it-yourself effort. About 250 of the battalion's trucks are armored in this fash-

About 100 more vehicles have been given Level 2 protection. De-Laughter said, which is the factory-produced upgrade kits for vehies. Another 80 Humvees used for convoy protection are Level 1. which is the factory-produced ve-

hicle armored from head to toe on "Nothing rolls past the wire without some sort of armor." De-Laughter said

the assembly line.

The drivers said they feel safer with the added protection. "There's still tension." Kamm ing than before."

Staff Sgt. Doug Stenberg is a driver in the battalion, but a welder in civilian life. He helped fashion many of the homemade upgrades. With 11,000 miles of Iraqi road under his belt, he said the

extra duty was no trouble. "When it comes to getting shot at and [roadside bombs], I've been there, done that, seen it," he

He was more than happy to lend his welding skills to the bat-

"It feels real good [to help], especially when they come in here and explain what happened and walk away with all 10 fingers and 10 toes," he said.

Driving in the up-armored vehicles, he said, is more reassuring than before the upgrade.

"You never knew what, when or where," he said. "You were always on guard, a lot more on

The vehicles with Level 2 upgrades and the Level 1 vehicles will remain when the battalion begins pulling out soon. The Level 3 vehicles will be driven to Kuwait, where, before they are shipped home, their armor plates will be removed and fastened to the trucks of units going north.

"Units coming in — not every-body, but as many as we can af-fect — will have quick add-on armor," Paget said.

Paget said there is no one to blame for the lack of vehicles arriving in the theater, even 20 months after the war began.

"We have a huge Army," he

said, and outfitting all of it will take time.

Plus, the nature of warfare has changed, he said. His vehicles would normally be several miles behind the front lines, ferrying supplies to the front

In this war he said the front is everywhere. It simply takes time to adapt to the change.

That's why, he said, the 7th Transportation Battalion took the bull by the horns and addressed

the problem its own way. 'We took the initiative on this ' he said. "Nobody ever told us no.

Army negotiates to get more armored Humvees made

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Army entered negotiations with an armor manufacturer in an effort to accelerate production of ar-mored versions of the Humvee to get them to the troops in Iraq and Afghanis more quickly, Army and company officials said

Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey spoke with officials at Armor Holdings, Inc., based in Jacksonville, Fla., who told him Friday they could increase produc-tion by up to 100 vehicles a month. Army officials had previously believed

the factory was working at capacity until the company told the news media Thursday that it could make more. Democrats immediately criticized the Bush administration for not boosting production sooner. Still, company officials said the Armor Holdings plant was not immediately capable of boosting output. Armor Holdings said in a statement issued Friday that it could increase its rate of production by February or March.

"During the interim period, we will continue to build as many vehicles as possi ble, as we have done to date. In fact, we are currently ahead of the Army's production schedule by more than 330 total vehicles," the statement said.

In addition, the Army would also have to go to Congress for additional funding if Armor Holdings sought more money, officials said.

The Army has ordered 8,105 of the armored Humvees, and 5.910 are in Iraq, Afghanistan and nearby countries. Armor Holdings is already producing 450 a month, meaning they would be finished sometime in the early spring. Any in-creased production by the company be-fore then would accelerate the completion of the order.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfield, responding to a soldier's complaint about not enough armored vehicles for the troops, said Wednesday the Army was working to produce more armored vehicles, but it was "a matter of physics, not a matter of money," suggesting that production lines at operating at capacity.

But Armor Holdings spokesman Michael Fox said Thursday that the company recently completed an analysis after the Marines inquired about buying 50 to 100 armored vehicles each month.

"We determined it was doable," Fox

Armor Holdings said it expected to produce about 4,000 armored vehicles this year, compared to 500 in 2001, 600 in 2002, and 850 in 2003.

Cost of the armored Humvees is about \$150,000 each.

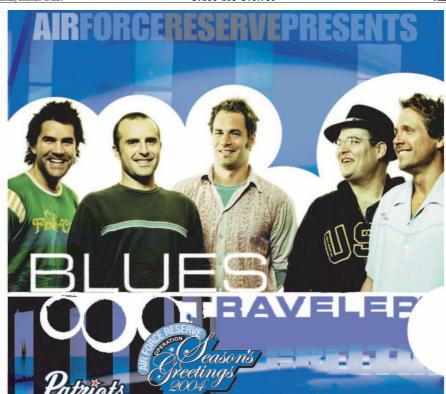
Production has to be coordinated with AMC General LLC of South Bend, Indiana, which produces the trucks used to make the armored Humvees

Massachusetts Democratic Sen. John F. Kerry, who continually decried the lack of equipment during his unsuccessful presidential campaign, on Friday called on Rumsfeld to investigate.

Several companies that manufacture protective equipment have indicated they can significantly boost production, Kerry said in a letter to Rumsfeld.

There are thousands more Humvees in Iraq that were built without the extra armor. The military has purchased thousands of kits with bolt-on armor, but several thousand Humvees, and thousands more heavy trucks, remain without armor for use against insurgent bombs, guns and rockets.

The soldier's question to Rumsfeld, at a town-hall meeting in Kuwait this week, has led critics to ask why the Pentagon has been unable to send enough armored equipment 21 months into the war.



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DOD increases drug testing of deployed

WASHINGTON - The military is increasing drug testing of its forces serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, in part out of con cern that troops will turn to drugs because of the stress of combat, Pentagon officials said Friday.

Drug use is low in the military and primarily limited to marijuana, said Mary Beth Long, the deputy assistant defense secretary for counternarcotics. She spoke

an internal military news service. But concerns about drug use center on Afghanistan, which has become the world's leading provider of opium since the U.S.-led campaign that drove the Taliban from power three years ago. Opium poppies can be refined into heroin; last year, Afghanistan accounted for 87 per-

cent of the world's opium supply. "One of the lessons that we have learned from the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan

that those troops went back to Russia with a drug problem," Long told the news ser-vice. "Our forces are obviously very, very different. We certainly have no expecta-tion that they would suffer the same kind

But the increased stress of serving in combat areas could drive soldiers to readily available drugs, as happened to some during the Vietnam War, officials that said 32 percent of troops stationed at home and around the world reported feel-"a lot" of work-related stress. Almost said they believed their careers would probably or definitely be damaged if they sought mental health counseling.

The survey also found that cigarette smoking and heavy drinking were on the rise in the military. Use of illicit drugs is holding steady, however, far below the rate

Soldier sentenced to 3 years for killing wounded Iraqi

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - A U.S. soldier was sentenced to three years in prison for killing a severely wounded Iraqi teenager, the mili tary said Saturday, while insurgents staged attacks in several cities, killing at least 10 Iragis, including three police colonels, two Shiite clerics and a judge.

Six American soldiers also were wounded in separate attacks in northern Iraq

Staff Sgt. Johnny M. Horne Jr., 30, of Wilson, N.C., pleaded guilty Friday to one count of unpremeditated murder and one count of soliciting another soldier to commit unpremeditated murder.

His sentencing late Friday in-

Series of attacks wounds six soldiers cluded a reduction in rank to pri-

vate, forfeiture of wages and a dishonorable discharge. The charges relate to the Aug. 18 killing of a 16-year-old Iraqi male found in a burning truck with severe abdominal wounds

sustained during clashes in Baghdad's Sadr City. A criminal investigator had said during an earlier hearing that the soldiers decided to kill him to "put him out of his mis-

A panel of seven service members late Friday sentenced Horne - who is attached to Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, based in Fort Riley, Kansas

after about four hours of deliberations, the military said Satur-

Deadly ambushes, suicide car bombings and roadside bomb blasts took place across the country, killing at least 10 Iraqis and wounding six U.S. soldiers.

U.S. soldiers were ambushed late Friday in Ramadi, a hotbed of anti-American violence 70 miles west of Baghdad, by insur-gents firing rocket propelled gre-nades and small arms from the city's hospital and medical academy the Marines claimed in a statement Saturday

Insurgents hid inside the Ramadi General Hospital and Medical ing for the soldiers to move into their ambush zone, said Capt, Bradley Gordon, spokesman for the 1st Marine Division of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

General Hospital and Medical College rejected U.S. claims that they were used in the ambush, but said fighting occurred near-



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U.S. begins new offensive in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The 18,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan have begun a new offensive to hunt Taliban and al-Qaida militants through the country's harsh winter, aiming to sap their strength ahead of planned spring elections, the American military

said Saturday.

Operation Lightning Freedom was initiated after Tuesday's inauguration of Hamid Karzai as the country's first democratically elected president, Maj. Mark Mc-Cann said.

"It's going on throughout the country of Afghanistan. It's designed basically to search out and destroy the remaining remnants of Taliban forces who traditionally we believe go to ground during the winter months," he said.

Maj. Gen. Eric Olson, the No. 2 American commander here, told The Associated Press last month that the mission would include a redeployment to tighten security on the Pakistan border and raids by U.S. forces to get rebel leaders.

Protecting Afghanistan's young democracy has become the most urgent priority for American com-manders frustrated by their failure to capture al-Oaida leader Osama bin Laden, who disappeared here after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

The landmark Oct. 9 vote, which gave a landslide victory to Karzai, the U.S.-backed favorite, was free of the major violence threatened by Taliban diehards, who continue to fight on three years after they were ousted. Attention is already turning to the more complex National Assembly

election, slated for April

The new military drive, which involves all 18,000 American troops here, is also aimed at persuading militants to take up an offer of amnesty from the U.S. military and the Afghan government.

"Ultimately, what we believe these operations will do is, they will establish security conditions that allow the parliamentary elec-

tions in the spring to occur with the same success" as October's vote McCann said

Lightning Freedom represents a new phase, rather than a shift in strategy, and commanders will continue with "a mixing of combat operations with humanitari-an-type operations," the spokes-

man said. However, the United States has strung out across the south and east, where insurgents are strongest, compared with last winter.

McCann said the military also will help Afghan forces combat the country's drug industry by sharing intelligence, ferrying counter-narcotics units to and from raids and rescuing them if they get into serious trouble.



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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at least 1.286 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,007 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Depart-

ment's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The latest deaths reported

by the military:

Two soldiers died Thurs-

day in a helicopter accident in

The latest identifications re-

ported by the military:
■ Marine Pfc. Christopher
S. Adlesperger, 20, Albuquerque, N.M.; killed Thursday in
Iraq's Anbar province; as-Iraq's Anbar province; as-signed to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Dirine Régiment, 1st Marine Di-vision, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Marine Cpl. Kyle J. Rene-han, 21, Oxford, Pa.; died

Thursday in Kaiserslautern, Germany, from injuries re-ceived on Nov. 29 in Iraq's Babil province; assigned to Marine Air Control Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 28, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

Army Sgt. Arthur C. Williams, IV, 31, Edgewater, Fla.; died Wednesday in Ramadi, Iraq, from small arms fire; assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea

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IN THE WORLD

Powell meets with Arab leaders in Morocco

BY GEORGE GEDDA

The Associated Press

RABAT, Morocco — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell told a gathering of Islamic leaders on Saturday that they must join hands with industrialized countries on political and economic reforms to ease the "despair and frustration" that afflicts much of the region.

Powell was one of several speakers who addressed the "Forum of the Future" conference aimed at bringing greater dynamism to Islamic societies and making

them less of a breeding ground for political reform and the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. extremism.

But several Arab delegates used the occasion to blast American support for Isra-

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal said the United States could do a better job of winning the "hearts and minds" of the Islamic world by a shift in its policies toward Israel. He said U.S. policies toward Israel are the "real bone of contention" with the

Muslim community.

Arab League Secretary General Amr
Moussa also drew a link between Islamic

reform and the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

"Arab culture is directly influenced by other situations," Moussa said, calling for the establishment of a Palestinian state liv-

ing side by side with Israel.

At the same time, he said, "We need to combat extremism. If we are to build a strong society, we must take a strong stand

against extremism."
Powell said en route here Friday night that reform in the Islamic world should not be impeded by the Israeli-Palestinian con-

ct. "We can't keep pointing to the Middle East peace process as the reason we don't undertake reform efforts that are needed by these nations and as these nations have

identified for themselves," Powell said.

Muslim countries "know that they can't wait for that solution to occur and not move

forward," he said.

"Ours is a long-term task requiring a long-term commitment, extending generations," Powell told the delegates in his speech Saturday. "This far-reaching effort starts here and now. It's a challenge that must be confronted by all of us working together."

Police arrest man believed to have ordered U.N. aid workers' abduction

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A man who launched a militant Islamic group to fight U.S. forces in Afghanistan has been arrested in connection with the kidnapping of three U.N. workers there in October, a senior Pakistani Cabinet minister said Saturday.

Syed Akbar Agha, a former Taliban front-line commander in Afghanistan who later founded Jaish-al Muslimeen, or Army of Muslims, was captured in the southern city of Karachi this week, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said.

"We have arrested the mastermind of the kidnap-

ping of the U.N. workers in Afghanistan," Ahmed

He gave no other details other than to say the arrest was not announced immediately in hopes that interrogation of Agha would lead to other suspects being taken into custody.

Pakistani security agencies this week also arrested Abdul Hinan Hemat, head of the Tailban's Bakhtar news agency, along with another person in the southwestern city of Quetta, a Tailban spokesman said. The Pakistan government had no immediate comment on the claim, and it was unclear if the two arrests were linked.

14 arrested after deadly explosion in Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan — Police on Saturday said they arrested 14 alleged members of a nationalist group following a bomb attack in southwestern Pakistan that killed 11 people. As many as 26 people were also wounded when a powerful bomb

As many as 26 people were also wounded when a powerful bomb went off next to an army truck parked at a crowded market in Quetta on Friday, the latest in a series of bomb and rocket attacks against government forces in Baluchistan province. Hours after the blast a little-known militant group, the Bal-

uchistan National Army, claimed responsibility, but said it had not meant to kill civilians. Two of the dead were soldiers.

On Saturday, Pervez Rafi Bhatti, a senior police officer, said 14 men were captured in overnight raids in different parts of the prov-

ince by police acting on intelligence reports.
"These men are nationalists, but I cannot say whether any of them is directly or indirectly linked to Friday's attack," Bhatti told reporters in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan province. He said officials have no proof about the existence of the Baluchistan National Army.

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Yushchenko has dioxin poisoning

BY SUSANNA LOOF The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Dioxin poisoning caused the mysterious illness of Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko, a doctor said Saturday, adding that the poison could have been put in his soup.

Yushchenko is now in satisfactory condition and dioxin levels in his liver have returned to normal, Dr. Michael Zimpfer, director of Vienna's private Rudolfinerhaus divis a sid of the same and same

clinic, said at a news conference.
A series of new tests provided conclusive evidence of the poisoning, Zimpfer said. "There is no doubt about the fact that Mr. Yushchenko's disease ... has been caused by a case of poisoning by dioxin."

The 50-year-old opposition leader first fell ill in September and was rushed to the Vienna hospital. He resumed campaigning later in the month but his mysterious illness had left his face pockmarked and ashen.

Yushchcenko also suffered back pain, acute pancreatitis and nerve paralysis in his face.

He has accused Ukrainian authorities of trying to poison him ahead of Ukraine's presidential vote, which they have denied.

"We suspect involvement of an external party, but we cannot answer as to who cooked what or who was with him while he ate," Zimpfer said, adding that tests

showed the dioxin was taken oral-

Zimpfer said Yushchenko's blood and tissue registered concentrations of dioxin — one of the most toxic chemicals — that were 1,000 times above normal levels.

1,000 times above normal levels.
"It would be quite easy to administer this amount in a soup,"
Zimpfer said.

Blood tests have been run on Yushchenko before, but this time the hospital sent the samples to a hospital in Amsterdam which is using a new analysis method that could test it for dioxin, Dr. Nikolai Kornan said.

Korpan added that no functional damage would remain and Yushchenko was "fully capable of working."

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The tests showed that Yushchenko suffered from chloracne, a type of acne caused by exposure to toxic chemicals, which sometimes takes two to three years to heal, hospital dermatologist Hubert Pehmberger told The Associated Dress

A former representative for rival candidate Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych on the Central Election Commission, Stepan Havrysh, questioned the results, saying that while he felt sorry for Yushchenko, "I'm afraid, two weeks before the vote, it's all political technologies."

Dioxin is formed as a byproduct from industrial processes such as waste incineration or chemical manufacturing.





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Doctors have concluded that dioxin poisoning caused the disfigurement of Ukrainian opposition leader and presidential candidate Victor Yuschenko. In July, top, Yuschenko appeared healthy, but by December, above, his face was left pockmarked and ashen by the

Nephew says Arafat may have died from 'unnatural' causes

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank 'asser Arafat's nephew said Sa

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat's nephew said Saturday the lack of a clear reason for his uncle's death raised suspicions the late-Palestinian leader died of "unnatural" causes.

The comments by Nasser al-Kidwa, after he handed over the 558-page medical dossier to Palestinian officials in Ramallah, were certain to fuel speculation that Arafat was poisoned. Arafat died in a French hospital on Nov. 11.

Rumors and speculation, both among Palestinians and the broader Arab world, that Arafat was poisoned could make it more difficult for a new leadership to take control. Palestinian presidential elections are scheduled for Jan. 9.

Al-Kidwa repeated his statement from last month that the French doctors were unable to rule out the possibility that Arafat had been poisoned, although they said they had not found traces of "any poison known to them."

"Examinations of X-rays and all imaginable tests ... are still with the same results, the inability of reaching a clear diagnosis," Al-Kidwa said in English at a news conference in Ramallah on Saturday. "That is precisely the reason why suspicions are there, because without a reason you cannot escape the other possibility ... that there is unnatural cause for the death." he added.

French officials have said that judicial authorities would have acted had they suspected wrong-

Al-Kidwa received Arafat's dossier from French medical officials last month. On Saturday he gave the records to interim Palestinian President Rauhi Fattouh in Ramallah. A committee will look over the file to try to determine the cause of death.

Al-Kidwa and other Palestinian officials have said Israel contributed to Arafat's death by confining him to his battered West Bank compound for the last three years of his life.

Palestinian Health Minister Jawad Tibi said Saturday the committee appointed to study the medical records would be composed of Palestinian and Arab doctors who treated Arafat before he was urgently airlifted to Paris on Oct. 29.

Al-Kidwa said Palestinian officials would pursue their investigation until they reach a clear conclusion, and vowed to make the diagnosis public. "This file should remain open until the Palestinian people find out the truth," he said.

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Homeland security nominee withdraws bid

WASHINGTON - Bernard Kerik apologized to President Bush on Saturday after questions about the immigration status of a housekeeper-nanny he employed led the former New York City police commissioner to withdraw his nomination as homeland security chief.

"I owe the president an enormous amount of gratitude for this consideration. I owe him a great apology that this may have caused him and his administration a big distraction." Kerik said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from his home in Franklin Lakes, N.J.

"I'm going to spend some time with my family. I'm going to work on getting messages out to people close to me who have been supportive, apologizing for the em-barrassment," Kerik said.

The surprise withdrawal late Friday sends Bush back in search of a Cabinet official to help guard the country against terrorists.

While assembling paperwork for his Senate confirmation. Kerik said he uncovered questions about the immigration status of a housekeeper-nanny that he employed. As homeland security secretary, Kerik would oversee the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency

"I am convinced that, for personal reasons, moving forward would not be in the best interests of your administration, the Department of Homeland Security or the American people," Kerik said in a letter to Bush

In an interview, Kerik said that on Wednesday he discovered fi-nancial records "that led me to question the tax filings regarding a housekeeper and nanny that was employed by me in my house, a very nice woman, a very good woman, someone who loves

my children and they love her.' By Friday afternoon, Kerik said. "I came to realize that that



Former New York City Police Commissioner Remie Kerik President Bush's choice to be secretary of homeland security, has withdrawn his name from consideration, the White House announced late Friday.

there was not only a problem with the filings, there may have been a question with regard to her legal status in the country.

In the letter to Bush, Kerik said he could not allow personal mat-ters to "distract from the focus and progress of the Department of Homeland Security and its crucial endeavors."

Kerik was among a small group of leaders who became the face of the response to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, often directing Manhattan's response alongside of then-Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

When Bush announced Kerik's nomination last week he won early support in Republican and some Democratic quarters.

But others questioned whether Kerik had the management experience to continue the nearly 2-year-long effort to meld the Homeland Security Department, which has more than 180,000 employees from 22 federal agencies. Democrats also were focusing

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in a stun gun company that does business with the Department of Homeland Security. He earned \$6.2 million from the options received from Taser International.

Kerik's announcement marked unusual disruption in the White House's normally well-cho-reographed personnel moves. But he is not the first prominent government official to fall victim to the "nanny problem.

Similar issues killed the nominations of three candidates for top administration posts in the Clinton administration That includes Zoe Baird, who was forced to withdraw her name from consideration to be attorney general after the disclosure she had not paid Social Security taxes for a housekeeper, an illegal immi-

While Kerik confided in a close circle of associates, the announcement came as a surprise to many government insiders

Associated Press writers Donna de la Cruz, Ted Bridis and Devlin Barrett contributed to this report.

Kerik cites nanny immigration status problem on Kerik's recent financial wind-fall from exercising stock options in a stur unu command wind does not not the fall from the

Remard Kerik's decision to withdraw his name as homeland security secretary-designate over issues involving hired help at home is not the first time a president has had his Cabinet and other high-level appointments killed by the nanny problem.

A look at three individuals who withdrew their names as nominees by President Clinton for Cabinet and other high-level posts because of similar political obsta-

■ Zoe Baird: The attorney who was Clinton's top pick for attorney general became the first of a series of nominees to fall victim to the "nanny problem." She had not paid Social Security taxes for a housekeeper — an illegal immigrant — as required by law. Baird asked the White House to withdraw her nomination

mate at Yale University Law School, she was Clinton's choice to head the Justice Department's civil rights division. Clinton cited her legal writings on racial issues for dropping the nomination. She also had not paid taxes for a domestic worker.

Kimba Wood: The nomina tion of the federal district judge to be attorney general never went forward after the disclosure that she had hired an illegal immigrant as a baby sitter. She had paid the required Social Security taxes and broke no laws.

■ President Bush faced a similar problem in 2001 in setting up his first Cabinet when conservative commentator Linda Chavez stepped aside as nominee for labor secretary after it was disclosed she had given money and sheltered an illegal immigrant who once did chores around her



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Bush 'fit for duty'

ident Bush was pronounced "fit for duty" by his doctors after his annual physical Saturday. The checkup was delayed for four months because of his heavy travel schedule during the campaign. "I have interviewed and exam-

ined President George W. Bush and have reviewed his medical record," a statement signed by 10 doctors said. "Within the scope of my specialty, I find him to be fit for duty and have every reasonable expectation that he will remain fit for duty for the duration of his presidency.

The White House planned to release details of the four-hour examination later Saturday.

From The Associated Press

Inaugural ball to honor deployed troops

BY TIMOTHY DWYER AND MAUREEN FAN

WASHINGTON - A major component of President Bush's second inaugural cele bration will be a Commander in Chief Ball to honor troops who have just returned from Afghanistan and Iraq or are about to be deployed, inaugural committee officials

About 2.000 guests will be invited to the

guration that promises to be the most expensive and the most secure of any. The Commander in Chief Ball will reaffirm that Bush is a wartime president, one of the major themes of his reelection cam-

For weeks, Washington has been undergoing a transformation from center of government to host city. Few events compare to the impact the inauguration has on the city, from bleachers sprouting on grand avarranged for hundreds of thousands of celebrants flocking to Washington D.C., filling hotels and restaurants and clogging the streets

Officials said the Commander in Chief Ball is a major difference in Bush's second inauguration. It will be one of nine balls scheduled for that night, the same number

Inaugural officials are working with the Department of Defense to distribute free servicemen and women and their spouse with an emphasis on enlisted troops and

noncommissioned officers, they said. "It was a presidential directive to specially honor the men and women whose hard work is critical to the security of our counsaid Tracey Schmitt, spokeswoman for the inaugural committee, "and it is an opportunity to celebrate those individuals and their families who have sacrificed and a way to acknowledge those who are out on the front lines of freedom."

Former inmate sues jail over baby's death

TAMPA, Fla. - A former jail inmate is suing over the death of her baby, born over a cell toilet even though she complained of labor pains for nearly 12 hours.

Kimberly Grey's lawsuit claims officials displayed deadly indifference to the newborn's medical distress.

Nurses were giving Grey, 35, a pelvic exam when the boy was born over the toilet. Clint Joshua Grey died of a lung infection on the way to Tampa General Hospital.

Grey was leaking amniotic fluid, running a fever, had complained for nearly 12 hours about labor pains and had asked repeatedly to be taken to a hospital before the March 5 birth, according to medical records cited by The Tampa Tribune.





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A Charles County sheriff's deputy looks at of one of 26 fire-damaged homes in the Hunter's Brooke housing development in Indian Head, Md., on Friday. The fires which burned the houses early Monday, are being

Homeowners returning to scene of Maryland arson for first time

By Stephen Manning The Associated Press

INDIAN HEAD, Md. - The awn outside 5751 Cabinwood Court was deep green, even for December, and freshly trimmed. Two weeping cherry tree saplings silently stood guard, and the black mail box near the street awaited its first delivery.

But the scene of suburban tranquility ended at the front yard.

The house was a little more than a shell, hollowed out by flames. Reminders of the fire were at every turn - the garage door bent and blistered by the heat, the bay window nothing more than a blackened hole, the charred remains of a staircase.

No. 5751 was one of 26 homes destroyed Monday by arsonists in an upscale Charles County development. Most of the houses were under construction, but some, including No. 5751, were nearly ready for families to move in.

"It's nuts," said Capt. Joe Montminy of the Charles County Sheriff's department, who worked all week on the investigation.

Authorities, including investigators with the State Fire Marshal's office, the FBI and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, say they don't know who set the fires - or why. All motives are under consideration, including racism or en-

Police blocked off the neighborhood Friday morning as a few anxious homeowners gathered. Utility workers and contractors trickled back to the scene.

vironmental terrorism.

The smell of burned wood lingered, even after rain that fell over the past four days. Latex gloves used by investigators lay discarded in the red mud. Bright orange numbers were spray painted on each house for identifica-

Across from the partially dam-aged building at 5751 Cabinwood, a few piles of bricks were heaped against a scorched foundation all that was left of another home Twisted metal was in a heap off to

Farther down the block the fire that burned the home on lot 37 to its concrete base whinned up an inferno at the intersection Cabinwood and Deer Point Court. The intense heat peeled vinyl siding on a house 50 feet across the street, leaving it fluttering like feathers.

On the other corner, Derrick Potts' house stood virtually untouched. Potts, his girlfriend and three children were the only peonle living on the block when the fires broke out. They escaped unharmed as the flames grew.

Potts and Terri Rookard had moved into their home only four days before the fires, and Friday they returned for the first time Friday to see if their house was damaged

"Everything was fine, everything was intact. Not one scratch," said Potts, a District of Columbia police officer. "I was so relieved."

Environmental groups had tried to block the Hunters Brooke development, saying it would damage an ecologically sensitive magnolia bog nearby. And many of the residents who planned to move in were black, causing speculation it was a hate crime



Nykia Crawford, 10, plays a Game Boy hand-held electronic game Tuesday while she is prepped for surgery by her doctors Anu Patel, left, John Kakauberi, center, and nurse Lizzie Jacobs at University Hospital in Newark. N.J. Researchers have found letting children play Game Boy prevents anxiety before surgery.

Study: Game Boy relaxes children before surgery

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON The Associated Press

TRENTON. N.J. - Letting children play video games on a Game Boy in the operating room before undergoing surgery can help relax them better than tranquilizers or holding Mommy's hand, research-

Doctors found that allowing children a few minutes to play the games reduced their anxiety until the anesthesia took effect.

Dr. Anu Patel conducted the study after noticing a

friend's 7-year-old son was so absorbed with his Game Boy at a restaurant that he ignored the adults and the food at his table

"We find that the children are just so happy with the Game Boy that they actually do forget where they are," said Patel, an anesthesiologist at University Hospital in Newark who plans to present her findings Saturday at a medical conference.

Patel said the findings could be helpful because many parents do not want tranquilizers given to their children.

Youngsters who are traumatized before surgery run the risk of long-term psychological problems, including nightmares, bed wetting and fear of being

In addition, strapping a restless, frightened child

pressure spike, make the heart race and trigger stress hormones that can delay healing, said Patel, also an assistant professor at the University of Medi-

cine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Other hospitals long have used teddy bears and games to distract children before surgery, but those techniques generally are employed in patient rooms, playrooms and waiting areas, not in the operating room. At Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, kids are encouraged to play in waiting areas before surgery and to take a "comfort item" — occasionally

a Game Boy — into the operating room.

A Boston company, Design Continuum Inc., has begun testing a combination anesthesia mask and headset that would allow patients to play video games or listen to music, but distribution is years

Patel studied 4- to 12-year-olds in three groups of 26 children each. All had parents with them in the operating room until they were anesthetized. One group also got a tranquilizer, and the third group played with a Game Boy.

On average, the Game Boy group showed no increase in anxiety before surgery. But on a standard, Crease in anxiety octore surgery. But on a standard, 100-point scale for measuring preoperative anxiety, the tranquilizer group jumped 7.5 points and the parents-only group 17.5 points.

Chocolate maker claiming costly treat is good for you

ST. LOUIS — "Shed your guilt. Chocolate can have a place in your healthy lifestyle."

That's the strategy of Rissinger's Handcrafted Chocolatier, a long-established, upscale chocolate company based in St. Louis.

Bissinger's new Spa Chocolate urges you to "treat yourself to good health." At a cost of more than \$2 a candy and named to conjure up images of pampering and well-being, it definitely qualifies as a treat.

As to the health, the elegant packaging says the candies contain ingredients "linked to improved cardiovascular health, lowered risk for certain types of cancer, a reduction in body weight and a slowing of the aging pro-

But the health claims amount to a trick said the director of nutrition at the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Inter-

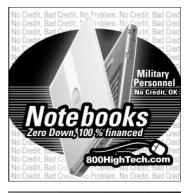
CSPI's Bonnie Liebman said studies have been done on some, but not all, of the individual ingredients and the related claims, ough Bissinger's said it had thor oughly researched the ingredi-ents. And she didn't believe people would get enough of the ingredients to result in the rewards.

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Study unveils positive results for method to detect cancer spread

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - Removing just one to three key lymph nodes

instead of the usual dozen or more can spare women lifelong arm problems and reliably indi cate whether breast cancer has spread and needs aggressive treatment, the first big study to test this approach has found.

Many doctors have been doing this without proof that it is as good as the standard operation, and they still don't know whether it will hurt women's survival odds

But the large, federally funded

study has answered at least the accuracy question, finding that the less severe surgery is 97 percent accurate at revealing whether cancer has spread beyond the

"There is a high degree of accuracy here," said Dr. Thomas Julian, a breast cancer surgeon at Drexel University College of Medicine and Allegheny General Hos-pital in Pittsburgh. "This offers an option for the majority of

He presented the research Thursday at a breast cancer conference in Texas.

When a woman has breast cancer surgery, doctors typically remove a third of the lymph nodes in her arm - about 10 to 20 - to see if the cancer has spread

But the surgery leaves many women with motion problems and less feeling in their shoulder and arm, and up to 20 percent develop lymphedema, painful and severe arm swelling that can recur throughout their lives

The alternative is called senti nel node biopsy. At the time of a woman's breast cancer surgery. doctors inject a dye that travels and collects in the lymph nodes most involved in draining the area nearest the tumor. The theory is that these "sentinel nodes" would be most likely to contain malignant cells if the cancer had spread beyond the breast

People from all over flock to Clinton store

BY DAVID HAMMEI

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — A meowing Socks the Cat doll could show up in a stocking stuffed by former President Bill Clinton this year.

by former President Bill Clinton this year.

Clinton is among thousands of people from around the world who have spent more than \$400,000 at the Clinton Museum Store since it opened Nov. 15.

The former president placed a phone order from Chappaqua, N.Y., on Thursday, calling museum store manager Connie Fails to order a commemorative Clinton Presidential Library dedication dinner plate, two plates by Picard china and a Woodmere china reproduction of the

Former president among customers ordering from library's shop

plates Presidents Lincoln and Jackson used when they were in the White House.

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He also ordered silk scarves that his library's volunteer staff wears, Air Force
One toys that emit the sound of plane engines when squeezed, neckties, stuffed donkeys and a Socks the Cat doll that says

"I'm still totaling up the bill. Yes, he has to pay for it," Fails said.

The gift shop two blocks from the Clinton Library was busting at the seams during the dedication celebration three weeks ago, and sales didn't slow much after the international visitors left town.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, store employees had to stop shoppers at the door to make sure they didn't exceed capacity. And just when lines weren't forming down President Clinton Avenue anymore, the museum store replaced that volume by starting Internet sales.

"We sent out an e-mail to 1,200 people Monday night that they could shop online, and by the time we opened the next morning we had 40 orders," Fails said.

Tyler Denton, marketing director for the Clinton Foundation, which built the library and set up the museum store, suggested putting maps of the United States and the world in an unfinished hallway by the exit door with pushpins available for customers. The maps already tell the story of the store's popularity and Little Rock's sudden global appeal. Shoppers have marked every continent except Antarctica with the red pins.

The visitors come to see the library, but they are pulled into the rest of Little Rock by the museum store, which sits between the library and the downtown River Market district.

"This week I had visitors from Jackson, Miss., and Topeka, Kan., tell me, 'You're a weekend getaway now,' "Denton said.

Security at clubs in question after deadly Ohio shootings

The Associated Pres

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A nightclub shooting that left four people dead, including a heavy-metal guitarist, has concert bookers and bar managers wondering whether fans will grumble less the next time they're patted down or directed through a metal detector. Scott Strandford for one

Scott Stienecker, for one, thinks it will. "It'll be a whole different feeling, I bet."

Stienecker's PromoWest Productions owns two Columbus concert halls larger than the Alrosa Villa, where 25-year-old Nathan Gale gunned down "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott and three others before a police officer shot him to

Caroline O'Toole, though, and many of her fellow managers doubt Wednesday's violence will mean any significant changes.

"I don't think you can let the actions of one lunatic affect the industry as a whole," said O'Toole, who manages The Stone Pony. Police say they may never know what made Gale target Ab-

Police say they may never know what made Gale target Abbott, who with brother and drummer Vinnie Paul Abbott left thrash-metal pioneer Pantera and later formed Damageplan. A friend said Gale recently started claiming that Pantera stole songs he wrote. Alrosa's owner, Rick Cautela, told The Columbus Dispatch that he hired seven guards based on sales of 200 tickets before the doors one need.

Gale also killed Erin Halk, 29, a club employee who loaded band equipment; fan Nathan Bray, 23; and band bodyguard Jeff Thomp-

"This is a very tragic situation, but isolated," said Mark Leddy, co-owner of Beachland Ballroom in Cleveland.

But a San Diego police officer and security consultant argued for more training for the largely unregulated job of nightclub security worker.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Abdul Latif catches a few winks at MetroNaps in New York City in late November. Latif says he stops into the service, which offers a place for clients to nap, about three times a week.

New sleep pods made for tired NYC workers

BY STEVENSON SWANSON Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — The days are short and cold. The lists of year-end and holiday chores are endless. Rich food and befogging beverages abound.

Sounds like a good time for a

The holiday stretch that begins with the feasting of Thanksgiving and ends with the beary eyes of New Year's Day is surely the high season for the oft-maligned practice of catching 40 winks.

At least that is the hope of two young entrepreneurs who are heading into their first holiday season as the proprietors of MetroNaps, a space-age snooze station that opened earlier this year at the Empire State Building.

For \$14, sagging shoppers and weary workers can put their feet up for a 20-minute power nap in a dimly lit space filled with seven sleen pods.

A third of an hour may not sound like much, but a brief mid-afternoon nap can be just the thing to make the rest of the day productive. A 2002 study by Harvard University researchers found that subjects who napped were better able to process information and learn new skills than those who stayed awake.

"We allow people to do more with their day," said co-owner Christopher Lindholst, 29. "There's a natural tendency to be drowsy in the afternoon, but we know that Americans are chronically sleep-deprived."

Occupying an office space on the skyscraper's 24th floor, MetroNaps has had steady business since opening in May, he said.

The company's custom-built napping stations resemble lounge chairs with their leg rests extended. Nappers can adjust their leg elevation to reduce cardiac strain, and a spherical hood can be pulled down over the upper body for greater darkness.

Headphones pipe in ethereal music that soon induces a trance-like state. After 20 minutes, the back of the chair vibrates and the lights come on in the pod.

Co-owner Arshad Chowdhury came up with the idea for Met-roNaps while he was working as an investment banker in New York. In a business notorious for its brutal hours, he saw co-workers fall asleep at their desks nead of the bathroom to take

While studying for his MBA at Carnegie Mellon University, Chowdhury researched the idea of a business that would charge people to take naps. Although a few companies provide napping lounges for their employees, he knows of no enterprise like MetroNaps.

"There is an unfortunate and outmoded notion of napping," said Chowdhury, 28, referring to the perception that napping is a sign of laziness. "Our biggest challenge was to repackage napping."



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Leave Tillman case alone

I think it's deplorable that the media chose to dig into the cause of Pat Tillman's death. It demonstrates how little the media care about the families and friends of people involved in an incident, as well as how little they care for matters on a

grander scale. The Army said that he lived and died a hero, leading his fellow Rangers to victory over an evil and dangerous enemy. The media should've left it at that. Let him be remembered as somebody who gave up a life of luxury, and died in a firefight with an enemy who would take away the freedom of millions if given the chance. Let him be remembered as a shining example of the core values that the Army promotes and our society admires. Let him be re membered as somebody who personified sacrificing yourself for a greater good.

The Army tried to do just that, but the media, in their overzealous attempts to outdo one another and discredit both the military and our war on terrorism, had to go further into it. They had to find out what "really" happened.

I support the freedom of the press, freedom of speech, etc. However, there are some things that are best when they are left the way they are, and if the media as a whole were more responsible, then they would have let Tillman's family, the Army as a whole and the world believe that he was killed by hostile fire, not in an accident

Don't drag it out with an investigation into the matter, either. The Rangers have likely already pieced together exactly what happened, and have adjusted tactics and procedures as needed.

Let Tillman be known as the man that he was - someone who died a hero's death, not as a man who would still be with us if somebody else hadn't made a mistake.

Spc. Ken Warner Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq

Measuring the 'AAFESecond'

Scientists have announced the discov ery of a new measurement of time that makes the nanosecond seem like a lifetime. They call it an "AAFESecond."

This is the period of time between when













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a military nay increase of any kind is an nounced and the Army and Air Force Ex change Service announces a price hike of some sort.

The possibility of this time period had first been suspected when scientists ob-served the speed between the announcement of annual military pay raises and an increase in the cost of uniforms at military clothing sales. Its existence was con firmed this month after the announcement of an increase in the military cost-of-living allowance in Europe and AAFES's corresponding announcement of another increase in gas prices at AAFES stations across the European theater.

Previously, the shortest measured time period was that moment between passing an autobahn rest ston and one of the kids in the back seat saying, "I have to go to the

bathroom!'

BONG!

Les Jones Ramstein, Germany

AAFES' gas prices too high

I agree with the writer of "Raise gas prices last" (letter, Dec. 2) about the way the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is charging for gas. I was stationed in Germany when an article to which the letter writer referred was published. In it, AAFES admitted that prices were high to offset the prices of other goods.

What I don't understand is why it charges so much for gas now. A recent article on CNN.com said gas prices [in the States] have fallen in recent months and that the average national price is \$1.93 per gallon. Here is some of that article: "Gas prices fell another 3 cents during the past two weeks, to an average of \$1.93 per gallon of self-serve regular, a national survey showed Sunday. That makes a drop of 11 cents since Oct. 22, said Trilby Lundberg, publisher of the Lundberg Survey, which based its latest report on prices at about 7,000 gas stations between Nov. 19 and Fri-

So whose national average is AAFES getting its information from? AAFES is exempt from a lot of taxes and fees that other companies must pay. It constantly puts in its ads that the goods we buy are tax-free, but AAFES charges us prices as if they are not Maybe AAFES would like to explain why we are paying so much. I only hope that it's not to keep the price of diapers down Sgt. 1st Class Andre Orr

Hanau Germany

Praise for the homefront

I would like to say thank you to all the spouses who have stayed in the rear, taking care of our families while we're deployed to Iraq. My husband. Set. 1st Class Craig Reed, has been taking care of our 14-year-old, 4-year-old and 20-month-old boys for the last 10 months. He hasn't complained that our youngest wasn't even sleeping through the night when I left, that our 4-year-old continually asks when I'm coming home, or that he's spent a lot of time getting the 14-year-old to swim practice and meets. He doesn't tell me about all the daily crises that he faces with work, the kids or the dogs.

Throughout this deployment, Craig has sent me packages with things that I didn't even know I wanted (even though I kept telling him that I had everything I need ed). I want him to know how much I appreciate how well he's taken care of our boys. and how much I admire and respect his strength. I knew that I married the right guy a long time ago, and this deployment has shown me how much he really cares about me and our family. Master Sot Delia Ortiz

Tikrit, Iraq







OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

Alabama can't get past it The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

The remnants of segregation continued to exist in the constitutions and statutes of Southern states long after federal laws made them most

By now, though, most official vestiges of Jim Crow ought to have disappeared as states crafted modern constitutions or stripped offensive language out of old documents. Not so in Alabama.

The state still uses its 1901 Constitution, which was written expressly to deny voting rights and a decent education to African-Americans. What's worse, voters refused this fall to remove language supporting segregation from the 103-year-old document.

Holding on to segregation, even if it is only on paper and is unenforceable, will hold the state back. Alabama has a hateful history on racial issues, a history that has affected its image and limited its ability to thrive economically.

This was a chance to walk away from the past and show the world that Alabama has changed. The truth may be that it hasn't changed much after all.

Game's shame chamber empty The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

Americans have been fascinated by video games ever since someon figured out a way to play a simple game of pingpong on a television screen. Thirty years later, video games have reached a level of sophistication that rivals the best military battlefield simulation. Too bad good taste basn't kent pace.

The game has gone too far in a computer simulation titled "JFK Reloaded," in which players re-create the 1963 assassination of a U.S. president Gamers "fire" three shots at President Kennedy's car from Lee Harvey Texas School Book Depository, There's a possible prize for exact replication of the real shots, and points are deducted for mistakes, such as hitting the first lady. The leased on Nov. 22, the 41st anniversary of the shooting in Dallas.

Family, members have described it as

"despicable." This may not go far enough in describing just how low the Scotland-based firm Traffic, designer of the game, sank in marketing what it inexcusably calls an educational "docu-game" intended to refute the theory that a conspiracy was behind the assassination.

This isn't about free speech, it's about decency. "JFK Reloaded" trivializes an awful point in this nation's history.

Even though speech is protected under the Constitution, there are limits. ... [E]ncouraging even the play-acting of such violence isn't in the best interest of anyone.

Warning labels all must read The Cincinnati Enquirer

While a Food and Drug Administration committee reviewing Procter & Gamble's testosterone patch for women didn't say no [this month], it clearly said, "Slow."

The advisory group wants to see broader, more controlled testing of the "passion patch," which P&G says will restore sexual desire in women whose ovaries have been removed.

There is a fine balance between necessary caution and unnecessary delays in getting needed drugs to market. While a setback to P&G, caution is an appropriate message for drug manufacturers, the FDA itself and even consumers.

Americans seem more willing to try a drug whose long-term effects may not be known, even for ailments such as acne that



"... I BOUGHT YOU GOMETHING TO WEAR THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL SEXY."

are not life-threatening. That lack of consumer worry may be one reason the FDA committee worried so much over long-term effects for the patch, Intrinsa ... Others said it only made sense to use caution when weighing Intrinsa's modest results.

It's a model for the sort of critical thinking consumers, too, should exhibit in a world where there's a pill for anything and everything that alls you.

Can workers keep account? St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

President Bush seems determined to privatize part of Social Security by allowing individual workers to invest a portion of their retirement payments in the stock market. ... Can individuals rely on themselves to make the best investment choices? A recent article in The Wall Street Journal suggests that the answer may be no. ... One study of the difference in perfor-

One study of the dimerence in periormance between professionally managed pension funds and self-directed 401(k)s found that the pension funds earned almost 0.5 percent more each year....

This will be tricky ground for Bush to tread. If the personal account offerings under Social Security are too limited or cost too much, the effort might be seen as nothing more than a payoff to Wall Street. If too little guidance is made available, then workers could end up with a false notion that their retirements are more secure than they really are.

Minors' policy all the rage The Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

Either baseball demonstrates that it understands the magnitude of the steroids scandal, or the government is going to have to intervene to save it from itself.

Baseball's reigning slugger, Barry Bonds, has been caught, or something quite close to it, using steroids... Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees, not so long ago a rather remarkable hitter himself, has admitted using steroids. And both of them are almost sure to get away with it.

The drug-testing policy in the major leagues is a joke. ... The first time a player is caught using steroids, it's mandatory counseling. The next time — and remember, testing only occurs once a season — it's a 15-day usspension. It would take five positive tests before a player could be banned for as long as a Xear.

Such is the recipe for the mess baseball finds itself in. ... Congress has the power ... to impose a new policy on the players, the owners and the enablers in the commissioner's office. ...

A sensible policy is out there, in baseball's minor leagues. Players are tested four times a year, and the first documented instance of using steroids means an automatic suspension. The race is on to see who first embraces it, for the good of the game.

FDA should think safety first Los Angeles Times

The Food and Drug Administration over the past decade has shifted its budget away from monitoring the safety of drugs on the market, focusing more and more on approving new medicines. That policy has an obvious side effect. Time after time, the agency has been slow to respond to evidence about the dangers of drugs on the market.

The FDA has wandered from its central mission. Patient safety should always come first, whether it's a new drug or an old drug.

It took the FDA four years to respond to evidence that Vioxx increased the risk of heart attacks. Why so long? A recent New York Times story, examining the flow of funds inside the FDA, explains it this way: Roughly a decade ago, about half of the agency's money went to drug safety and other areas, the other half to approving new drugs. Now, nearly 80 percent of the money goes to approving new drugs...

The FDA must show it is more than an efficient reviewer of new drugs. One way to start is to reorder priorities, and that means restoring the ranks of monitors who are watchdogs for drugs already on the market.

Law schools lay down law The Washington Post

A federal appeals court decision to strike down the so-called Solomon Amendment highlights the layers of bad policy that have larger and the property of the property of the property of the solomon Amendment and profit he fee, Gerald B.H. Solomon, R-N.Y., cuts off federal money to universities that don't treat military recruiters as favorably as those recruiting for other potential employers. Numerous law schools, because of the military's policy multilary for the profit of the military's policy multilary for the production of the military's policy of the military specification of the military specif

the Sept. 11 attacks, started enforcing the law more aggressively, the law schools went

to could be begal merits of the case are complexed, the systemment's moral position is indefensible. The underlying policy of discriminating against gays and lesibans is an affront to patriotic Americans who wish to serve their country. The policy makes home-serve their country. The policy makes home-though there is no evidence that who they are has any detrimental impact on their ability to serve. ... The Solomon Amendment her adds insult in binjury by forcing universities to become complicit in the insulting universities to become complicit in the insulting and the solution is to abolish them.

In the meantime however, the law schools face a difficult question. They would never allow a private employer who openly discriminated against gays and lesbians or, for that matter, against Catholics or African-Americans — to avail themselves of their career services. They should be entited to uphold the same principle for the military. But banning military recruiters from campuses contributes to a cultural gulf that already divides elite universities from the tween the military and these law schools seems essential, and an open recruiting environment should be part of that.

Ridge climbed a mountain The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa.

[Tom] Ridge resigned this month as director of Homeland Security, and probably is sleeping well at night for the first in a long

Some will judge Ridge's tenure in that new Cabinet-level position as only average, but his true accomplishments, like the man himself, aren't flashy or worthy of many television sound hites.

Ridge managed to combine 22 different and competitive agencies and make a department of Homeland Security. The department has about 180,000 employees and is three times the size of computer giant Microsoft.

If any one person managed to do that in the private sector, in a mere three years, he or she would be honored and touted as a business gurn....

Say all you want about duct tape and orange alerts, America wasn't attacked under Tom Ridge's watch. And that's good enough for us to rank his performance as highly satisfactory. PAGE 22 · STARS AND S

Gav visitation rights

SALT LAKE CITY –
A state judge has
ruled that two mothers are
better than one, but the
state appeals court is considering how much protection
Utah law provides to gay or
unrelated partners raising children related to
only one partner.

The dispute between two women arose out of the civil union they entered in Vermont four years ago.

Utah Third District Judge Timothy Hanson awarded visitation rights to one of the women, who says she has become involved in religion and no longer identifies herself as gav.

The couple was joined in a Vermont civil union four years ago, then broke up. The judge ruled a Taylorsville woman has a right to visit the 3-year-old girl.

Internet schooling

NH NEW HAMPTON — Illness has kept him at home, but 11-year-old Zachary Ellis is still going to class.

Zachary, of New Hampton, attends four classes each day with the students at Newfound Memorial Middle School through the use of laptop computers, the Internet and Web-based cameras. Students can hear him ask questions, make comments and see him raise his hand, even though he is sitting in his room at home.

Zachary was diagnosed with autoimmune liver disease and Crohn's disease two years ago. Both conditions deplete the immune system, limiting his interaction with others that may expose him to germs, especially during flu season.

8-vear-old suspended

NEW ORLEANS — An 8-year-old girl was suspended for nine days for bringing to school what appeared to be about 30 "fell-O shots" — though it was unclear whether they contained alcohol.

The incident occurred Nov. 29, as the girl stood after classes outside Geraldine Boudreaux Elementary School in Terrytown, a New Orleans suburb. A teacher spotted liquid dripping out of the student's bookbag and found what looked like the small cups of alcohol-laced gelatin that are sold in bars, schools spokesman Jeff Nowakowski said.

The girl told the principal that

The girt told une principal rule her mother, who works in a bar, makes alcoholic shots at home and sells them at work. The fourth-grader said her mother had instructed her to take the shots to school and sell them, three for \$1, to make some money for Christmas, Nowakowski said.

The gelatin was turned over to the sheriff's department for testing to see if it contained alcohol.

Long way from home

FLOWER MOUND — Snowbirds from the frigid North are a common sight in Texas, but Carla is a different breed altogether.

A trucker found the 11-year-old mixed breed dog in Amarillo and brought her to a Denton veterinary hospital — 1,600 miles away from



her Castle Rock, Wash., home. Gail Scott was shocked when the North Texas animal hospital called to say they'd found her dog, who was identified through an implanted microchip.

Scott says she believes Carla escaped from her yard the day before Thanksgiving and was picked up by a trucker at a nearby truck stop.

Ghost for sale

IN INDIANAPOLIS — A cane that belonged to a 6-year-old boy's grandfather soon will have a new home — and, Collin Anderson hopes, so will his grandfather's ghost.

GoldenPalace.com will add the "ghost cane" to a collection that already includes a grilled cheese sandwich said to bear the image of the Virgin Mary. The Antigua-based casino paid \$28,000 last month for the sandwich, which it bought—like the cane—on eBay.

"It's just the new Americana thing," said Monty Kerr, a spokesman for the online casino that on Monday offered Mary Anderson \$65,000 for her father's metal walking cane.

Kerr said the cane — which Anderson auctioned to ease her son Collin's fears that his grandfather's ghost was haunting their home in Hobart — likely will go on



Not afraid of heights

A window washer rappels down the side of a building in Cincinnati.

tour like the famous sandwich.

Taxi safety

CA PARK — The
City Council approved an
ordinance requiring that
taxi drivers protect themselves with safety devices like
a shield separating the front

and back seats.

The move came after the killing last month of Manuel Arevalo, the fifth cab driver in the city since 2000 to be fatally shot while on the job. Taxis will be required to be equipped with a shield, emergency signal or remote locator system.

Reward declined

MO KANSAS CITY —An anonymous tipster who was eligible to receive a \$40,000 reward for providing information that led to an arrest in a murder case has turned the money down, asking that it go instead to a charity established in the victim's name.

Ali Kemp, a 19-year-old college student, was strangled two years ago while working at a swimming pool in Leawood, Kan., an affluent Kansas City suburb. The widely publicized case generated thousands of leads, yet none of the tips produced an arrest.

But information provided by an anonymous caller led to the arrest last month of Benjamin Appleby, a former resident of the Kansas City area who was captured in Connecticut, where he was living under another name.

Appleby, 29, is charged with capital murder and attempted rape.

He is being held on \$1 million

Mayor's mail tainted

NE LINCOLN — A small amount of potentially dangerous mercury spilled from an anonymous letter sent to the mayor's office, authorities said.

A second mercury-laced letter was sent to the police chief, but was not opened. No injuries resulted from the letters, which were critical of the police department.

The small amount of mercury appeared to have come from a thermometer. Research has shown that excessive exposure to mercury can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and children.

Drought continues

PHOENIX — Cloudy, wet weather has covered Arizona for days, but it won't be enough to break a nine-year drought, said Tony Haffer, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Phoe-

The state would need about three times normal rainfall, or about 25 inches in one year, to signal the end of the drought, Haffer

Charter school restriction

RI PROVIDENCE — Gov. Don Carcieri announced that he plans to file legislation in the upcoming session of the General Assembly to eliminate restrictions on the number of charter schools allowed in each school district. Carcieri said the caps keep students on waiting lists and out of class.



Wet kiss Busch Gardens Tampa Bay Zoo Educator Amber Wisler, left, holds a mulberry leaf next to ten-year-old Alice Beck's cheek to help initiate a kiss from Tango the giraffe, in Tampa, Fla.



Oy, a new toy Meisha, the 8-year-old dog of Stan and Joni in Columbus, Ohio. The fish is one of the items in Chewish Treats' line of Jewish holiday-inspired pet toys.



Snow leaves beautiful sight

Snow is seen on the Sai



Looks comfy John Anderson of Gail, Texas, tries out a shitsu massage chair at the Cowboy Christmas show at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas.



Southern snowman Due to a lack of snowfall in south consistant, Henry Brunet built his snowman from Spanish moss, which is displayed in front of his Dularge, La., home. According to the Louisiano Office of State Climatology, the last trace of snow that fell in the Terephonne Parish area was in March 1993.



Staying close to mom
A female bonobo, or pygmy chimpanzee, named Lana holds her
baby at the San Diego Zoo in San
Diego, Calif.



ta Catalina Mountains as the Saint Augustine Church in downtown Tucson, Ariz., looms in the foreground, follow assed through the city.

| Wildebeest attack

NORTH LIBERTY — A wildebeest that was part of a man's menagerie of exotic animats trampled him to death on his northern Indiana farm, police said.

It was unclear what caused the roughly 500-pound wildebeest, an African antelope also known as a gnu, to attack Klaus "Dick" Radandt, 64, in the barnyard behind his home in North Liberty. Police said Radand's wife, Terri-

lyn, became concerned when he did not return for lunch after going to the barnyard.

She investigated and found him lying on the ground and called paramedics, who were unable to revive him.

St. Joseph County Coroner Chuck Hurley said the male animal apparently used its head to repeatedly ram Radandt and then trampled him after he fell to the ground. The official cause of death was blunt force trauma to the chest and head, Hurley said.

With a female wildebeest nearby, the animal may have considered Radandt a threat.

Jury spares man's life

KS KANSAS CITY — A jury recommended a life sentence for a man convicted of killing five people in retaliation for the robbery and beating of his mother, sparing him the death penalty.

The same jury convicted Darrell Stallings on five counts of capital murder and other charges in the June 2002 shooting rampage in Kansas City, Kan. Prosecutors said none of the victims was involved in the attack on Stallings' mother.

Stallings, 34, who is scheduled for sentencing in January, apologized to the families of each victim. Another man, Errik Harris, 28,

Another man, Errik Harris, 28, is also charged in the deaths, but his trial date has not been set.

Lawnmower getaway

NH DOVER — It wasn't exactly the perfect getaway vehi-

A man took off on a lawnmower moments after he allegedly threw two Molotov cocktails at his ex-girlfriend's apartment building, police said. He was arrested after a brief, slow-speed chase.

Police said the homemade bombs—two glass Budweiser bottles filled with gasoline and plugged with rags—did not burst into flames. One of them shattered, spilling gas and sending fumes into nearby apartments. Two residents were treated for breathing prob-

Steven Coleman, 37, of Dover, was arraigned in Dover District Court on charges of criminal trespass, attempted arson, and resisting arrest, a misdemeanor. He could face up to 31 years in jail if convicted on all charges.

Donations rejected

NC STATESVILLE — The owner of an adult night club that last year gave gifts to hundreds of needy children in public housing says he's been told "thanks, but no thanks" this year.

Jeff Bustle, owner of Teasers,

said the Statesville Housing Authority told him that it won't accept gifts collected at his business.

"It's really sad," said Bustle, who has participated in toy drives for the past 14 years. Last year, Teasers donated more than 500 gifts to the authority.

David Meachem, executive director of the housing authority, said he rejected the toys because he was criticized last year for accepting the donation.

Wal-Mart robbed

BURLESON — Holiday shoppers were pepper-sprayed by a gunman who stole a bag of money from an armored car's guard at a North Texas Wal-Mart.

Twenty-two people required medical treatment after the gunman began spraying startled shoppers and workers after the robbery in front of the store. Authorities said six customers were hospitalized with breathing problems and 16 other people were treated at the Wal-Mart.

The bandit escaped in a white van, which was found abandoned in a field about seven miles away.

City code change

PROVO — Residents here can now officially own both cats AND dogs.

City Council members voted unanimously to replace the word "or" with the word "and" in existing city code, which means residents can now own up to two cats — and — two dogs at the same time.

The problem was discovered when Susan Sewell and her family went to the Utah County Animal Shelter in Spanish Fork to adopt a kitten in August. The family already has a cat and a dog.

They chose a kitten and began the adoption paperwork. But when shelter staff learned of their existing pets, the family was told they couldn't have the new animal because Provo only allowed residents to have cats or dogs, not cats and dogs.

Hamburger assault

NH ROCHESTER — Tony Carr wanted to pay for his

Instead, police say, he ended up smooshing the microwaved patty in a store clerk's face.

Carr, 37, of Berwick, Maine, turned himself into police. He was charged with simple assault and criminal mischief, both misdemeanors, and released on \$5,000 bail. He is scheduled to appear in

Investigators say Carr got angry on Nov. 28 when the clerk at a Cumberland Farms would not allow him to pay for a hamburger while it was heating in the store micro-

court on Jan. 3.

Police said the clerk, Scott Litzenberger, told Carr he had to bring the burger to the counter 15 feet away to pay for it.

Instead of paying for it, Carr shoved it into the clerk's face, burning his face and eye, police Sgt. Anthony Triano said.

Stories and photos from wire services

AFRTS Television Schedule								
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12:00	In the Mix	bickering USO performers share 50 years and three wars.	Headline News	Movie	20/20	SportsCenter	The Suze Orman Show	Movie
12:30	Happy Days		Air Force TV News]				
13:00	Movie * * "Switching Goals" (1999, Comedy) Many-Kate	Movie *** "The River" (1984 Drama) Mel Gibson, Sis-	College Basketball Teams to Be Announced, (Live)		Fox and Friends	Boxing Glen Johnson vs. Anto- nio Tarver, (Taped)	Celebrity Poker Showdown	
14:00	(1999, Comedy) Mary-Kate Olsen, Ashley Olsen.	sy Spacek. A farm family uses all its resources to save its land.		Headline News	Fox and Friends			Headline News
14:30	Movie ★★% "The Adventures			Scrubs				Scrubs
15:00 15:30	of Pinocchio" (1996, Fantasy) Martin Landau.	(:14) Movie * * "National Lampoon's Christmas Vaca-	SportsCenter	Meet the Press	CBS News Sunday Morning	ESPNews NBA Fastbreak	Battle Stations "A10" Tank de- strover	Meet the Press
16:00	Aaahh! Real Monsters	tion" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo.	WWE Smackdown!	America's Black Forum	1	Sports Reporters	JAG "Iron Coffin"	America's Black Forum
16:30	Rocket Power			Access Hollywood	Face the Nation	SportsCenter		Access Hollywood
17:00 17:30	SpongeBob SquarePants Rugrats	True Hollywood Story	Stargate SG-1 The team may have discovered Atlantis	ESPNews	Headline News Navy/Marine Corps News	NFL Countdown	The Best Of Good Eats	ESPNews
18:00	Kratt Bros. Be the Creature	ł	NFL Today (Live)	Fox NFL Sunday (Live)	Late Edition Primetime	1	My Wife and Kids	Fox NFL Sunday (Live)
18:30	Manatees.						King of the Hill	1
19:00	America's Funniest Home Videos	Movie *** "The Straight Story" (1999, Drama) Richard	NFL Football Regional Cover- age Cincinnati at New Eng-	NFL Football Regional Cover- age Chicago at Jacksonville,		NFL Football Regional Cover- age Chicago at Jacksonville,	Hope & Faith The King of Queens	NFL Football Regional Cover- age Chicago at Jacksonville,
19:30 20:00	Gilmore Girls "Scene in a Mall"	Farnsworth Sissy Snacek	land: Cleveland at Buffalo Indi-	New Orleans at Dallas N Y Gi-	FOX News	New Orleans at Dallas N Y Gi-	Last Comic Standing	New Orleans at Dallas, N.Y. Gi-
20:30		Jane Galloway Heitz.	anapolis at Houston or Oakland at Atlanta. (Live)	ants at Baltimore or Seattle at Minnesota. (Live)		ants at Baltimore or Seattle at Minnesota. (Live)		ants at Baltimore or Seattle at Minnesota. (Live)
21:00	American Dreams "Real-to- Real"	(:07) Movie *** "The Wed- ding Singer" (1998) Adam San-	1		FOX News	1	NCIS A Marine's severed leg is found in a trash recentacle]
21:30 22:00	The Cosby Show	dler. A 1980s wedding crooner	NFL Football Regional Cover-	NFL Football: Regional Cover-	Meet the Press	NFL Football: Regional Cover-	Friends	NFL Football: Regional Cover-
22:30	Home Improvement	attempts to find true love.	age Miami Dolphins at Den- ver Broncos or New York Jets	ann - Linns at Backers 40om		age Lions at Packers, 49ers at Cardinals, Rams at Panthers	Seinfeld "The Muffin Tops"	age Lions at Packers, 49ers at Cardinals, Rams at Panthers
23:00	Touched by an Angel "My Din- ner With Andrew"	Movie *** "G.I. Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore.	at Pittsburgh Steelers. (Live)	at Cardinals, Rams at Panthers or Buccaneers at Chargers	FNS with Chris Wallace	or Buccaneers at Chargers	MadTV	or Buccaneers at Chargers
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00:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie *** "G.L.	NFL Football: Dolphins at	NFL Football: Regional Cover-	Tim Russert	NFL Football: Regional Cover-	Austin City Limits 'John Hi-	NFL Football: Regional Cover-
00:30	Rugrats First haircut.	Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen.	Broncos or Jets at Steelers	age		age	att/Kelly Willis"	age
1:00	Kratt Bros. Be the Creature Manatees	(:21) Movie ** "Revenge	ESPNews ESPNews	Little Bear Wheel of Fortune	People in the News	SportsCenter NFL Primetime (Live)	Hope & Faith The King of Queens	Little Bear Wheel of Fortune
2:00	America's Funniest Home	of the Nerds" (1984) Robert	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of	Dr. Phil	This Week	W E Primeume (Eve)	Last Comic Standing	Dr. Phil
2:30	Videos	Carradine, Anthony Edwards.	Fire			NFL Football Philadelphia Ea-		
3:00	Gilmore Girls "Scene in a Mall"	Movie * * * s "The Straight Story" (1999, Drama) Richard		Oprah Winfrey	Dateline International	gles at Washington Redskins. From FedEx Field in Landover,	NCIS A Marine's severed leg is found in a trash receptacle.	Oprah Winfrey
4:00	American Dreams "Real-to-	Farnsworth, Sissy Spacek,	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of	Headline News	CNN Sunday Night	Md. (Live)	Friends	Headline News
4:30	Reel*	Jane Galloway Heitz.	Fire	Judge Judy			Seinfeld "The Voice"	Judge Judy
5:00 5:30	Sesame Street (EI)	(:07) Movie *** "The Wed- ding Singer" (1998) Adam San-	Meet the Press	Access Hollywood (:25) Guiding Light	CNN Presents	SportsCenter (Live)	Breathingspace Yoga Caribbean Workout	Access Hollywood (:25) Guiding Light
6:00	Barney & Friends (EI)	dler. A 1980s wedding crooner attempts to find true love.	Headline News	(:13) General Hospital	Larry King Live	Sportscenter (Live)	Body Shaping	(:13) General Hospital
6:30	Blue's Clues		ESPNews				TIPical Mary Ellen	
7:00 7:30	Dragon Tales (EI) Bob the Builder	Kim Cattrall Revealed Kim Cattrall.	Play With Me Sesame Bear in the Big Blue House	Dateline NBC	Your World With Neil Cavuto	NFL Primetime	The View	Aladdin ChalkZone (EI)
8:00	The Wiggles "Zardo Zap"	Hollywood Backstories	Little Bear	Mucha Lucha	Hannity & Colmes	SportsCenter	Emeril Live	Mucha Lucha
8:30	Dora the Explorer	Entertainment Tonight	Wheel of Fortune	Mary-Kate and Ashley	-			Kim Possible (EI)
9:00	Stanley "The Big Spill" Sagwa-Siamese Cat	Movie "Her Hidden Truth" (1995, Drama) Kellie Martin. A	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy! Headline News	The Beltway Boys Fox News Watch	SportsCenter Golf Target World Challenge	30-Minute Meals Paula's Home Cooking	Jeopardy! Headline News
10:00	Arthur (EI)	young woman must prove she is innocent of arson deaths.	(9:46) Oprah Winfrey	ESPNews	Bulls and Bears	Final Round, From Sherwood	Designers' Challenge	ESPNews
10:30	Reading Rainbow (EI)		(:35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block	Cavuto on Business	Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Taped)	Fashion Emergency	Pacific Report
11:00	Sagwa-Siamese Cat Stanley	(10:48) Movie **** "M*A*S*H" (1970, Comedy)	(:17) General Hospital	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire	60 Minutes	1	The Soup The King of Queens	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire
12:00	Dora the Explorer	Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould, Sally Kellerman.	Headline News	1	Dateline NBC		The King of Queens	1
12:30	The Wiggles		Judge Judy			SportsCenter	Girlfriends	<u> </u>
13:00	Bob the Builder Dragon Tales (EI)	Movie ** "Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister" (2002,	Today Dr. Phil McGraw; Golden Globe nominations; Hilary	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire	rox and Friends	1	Charmed "The Eyes Have It"	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire
14:00	Blue's Clues	Fantasy) Stockard Channing.	Swank.	Pacific Report	Fox and Friends	Rodeo Wrangler National Fi-	Ally McBeal "Without a Net"	Pacific Report
14:30	Barney & Friends (EI) Funniest Home Videos	(:43) Movie ***: "Choco-	Aladdin	The Tonight Show		nals. (Taped)	(Part 2 of 2)	The Tonight Show
15:00 15:30	Full House "Double Trouble"	lat" (2000, Fantasy) Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin. An uncon-	ChalkZone (EI)	Late Show	American Morning		Any Day Now "No Place in This World"	I ate Show
16:00	Pokémon	ventional candymaker stirs up a staid French town.	Mucha Lucha		CNN Live Today		ER "One Can Only Hope"	
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! "Double Duel"		Kim Possible (EI)	Access Hollywood]	NBA Fastbreak	1 4 6 -1 10 1	Access Hollywood
17:00 17:30	Aaahh! Real Monsters Rocket Power "Tito Time"	Access Hollywood	Jeopardy! Headline News	Headline News The Late Late Show	1	SportsCenter	Law & Order "Bait"	Headline News The Late Late Show
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	ESPNews		FOX News		The Simpsons	
18:30	Rugrats Spike is in trouble.		AFN Evening News	Dennis Miller	AND RECORD OF THE PARTY OF THE	NFL Films Presents	Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
19:00 19:30	Lizzie McGuire Taina "Sabotage"	Movie ★★% "American Pie 2" (2001, Comedy) Jason Biggs,	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire	Countdown With Keith Olber-	60 Minutes	College Basketball Toledo at Duke. (Taped)	For Love or Money	Countdown With Keith Olber-
20:00	Smallville "Stray"	Shannon Elizabeth.		mann	FOX News	1	1	mann
20:30		(:42) Movie ** s "What Women Want" (2000, Comedy)		Entertainment Studios.com	Ot at Burn Ol	West 4 Court		Entertainment Studios.com
21:00	Boy Meets World Boy Meets World	Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt, A	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire	NFL Monday Quarterback Headline News	Studio B With Shepard Smith	World Sport NFL Monday Quarterback	American Hot Rod "Alumatub 2"	NFL Monday Quarterback Headline News
22:00	The Cosby Show	chauvinistic ad executive can suddenly read women's minds.	Headline News	Good Morning America	Your World With Neil Cavuto	NFL Primetime	Friends	Good Morning America
22:30	Home Improvement	1 '	The Tonight Show	1		L	Seinfeld "The Serenity Now"	1
23:00	Touched by an Angel "Cha- rades"	Movie *** "Die Hard" (1988, Suspense) Bruce Willis.	Late Show		Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn Pardon the Interruption	Seinfeld "The Cartoon" Blind Date	4
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Maria Menounos of "Entertainment Tonight" is gorgeous. Maria Menounos of "Entertainment Tollight to go go and I hear she lost a lot of weight. How much, and how did she do it? - Tiffany Sheets, San Diego

A"I dropped 40 pounds in one year," says the 5-foot-8, 123-pound Maria. "I cut back on carbs and worked out with a trainer on an elliptical machine." Along with ET, Maria, 26, appears on The WB's "One Tree Hill." And next year she'll be in the film "Fantastic Four." Maria tells us: "I kept my size-12 pants as a souvenir."



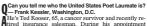
Jasmine Trias captured the hearts of Filipinos.

Q've heard that Jasmine Trias is the most successful American Idol of them all. Is that true? - D. DeLong, Portland, Ore.

Alt depends on what you mean by successful. Jasmine came in third — after Fantasia Barrino and Diana DeGarmo — so they were more successful on "American Idol." But the 18-yearold became a huge star in her parents' native country, the Philippines, where she signed numerous lucrative endorsement deals that her rivals might envy.

Can you give me some personal stats on the Houston Rockets' Yao Ming? — Darryl Grant, Kent, Wash.

At 7 feet 6, Ming is tied with Shawn Bradley of Dallas as At 7 feet 6, Ming is fied with Shawii Brauley at athleting the NBA's tallest player. He inherited his size and athleting the stall players in



Richard Gere is

known for making his leading ladies

look good - he even

makes even Jennifer

Lopez appealing in

"Shall We Dance."

He's Ted Kooser, os, a cancer survivor and return tired insurance salesman. During his appointment (from October to May), he receives a \$35,000 stipend and reads his poetry at the Library of Congress.

Renée Zellweger, Nicole Kidman and even Reese Wither-Renee Zeliweger, Nicole Rullian and etc. Spoon of "Legally Blonde" all went brunette recently.

Why? — Letitia L., Chevy Chase, Md.

A For Reese and Nicole, it was for film roles. Other blondes, like Renée, find that it's fun to go over to the "dark side." They also like the anonymity a change in color may provide. After going dark a few years ago, Gwyneth Paltrow said it was the first time she could sit at a bar without being recognized. But, as Hollywood colorist Kim Vo notes, "They always go back to being blonde."



In your opinion, who was the better actress; Bette Davis Or Ingrid Bergman? — Vinod Bhatia, McLean, Va. It's a close call. Each won two Best Actress Oscars, but

us, "I'm trying to learn to trash talk on the court."

Alt's a close call. Each won two best treed of the both track records were very different. Davis (1908-89) made her mark playing larger-than-life women tough enough to stand up to any man. Bergman (1915-82) became famous as a wholesome beauty vulnerable in both her onscreen and offscreen love affairs. Our vote for "best" goes to Davis - but we're interested in hearing what our readers think

Since Jerry Orbach left "Law & Order," I've eagerly awaited his new show. What happened to it? — Louise Beck, McKeesport, Pa.

A Your patience will be rewarded. Orbach, 69, is now snooting episodes of "Trial by Jury," to debut early next year. The fourth in NBC's "Law & Order" franchise, the Your patience will be rewarded. Orbach, 69, is now shootshow will have Jerry back as Lennie Briscoe, with Bebe Neuwirth as a tough assistant DA. If the networks keep cloning their cash cows, there soon will be nothing to watch on TV except "CSI," "Law & Order" and Donald Trump.



Prince Harry has a reason to despise the paparazzi.

The media were Qhard on Britain's Prince Harry for getting into a shoving match with a photog rapher outside a London nightclub is he really such a naughty prince? - Julie Ann Jones, Detroit ANot really. Har-ry's behavior is understandable and excusable when you remember that his mother, Diana, died while fleeing a pack of paparazzi. Harry, 20, is no dropout in any sense. He plans to join the army and follow in the military footsteps of other British royals



has "gone brown" for

several movie roles.

YOUR MONEY

Organization can reduce post-vacation blues

"The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Familv Readiness Group meetings of her husband Jake's new command

neighbor Maggie Warren and her family took a week's vacation at the end of

I didn't realize how much I'd miss my daily talks with her until she was gone. A few days after the Warrens left, Mom called from Whidbey Island.

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"How's your prepara-tion for family beach week coming?" she asked.

I froze. One, because it drove me crazy when my mom caught me off guard, and two, because I had completely forgotten about beach week. For my family, the pinnacle of the year is a week in August we call family beach week. My parents

always rented the same house on the shore. This year was no different except I was a day of travel away from the beach house instead of one hour away in Whidbey — and I had a spouse — in the Navy.

"Uh, fine," I replied, with a stut-

ter.
"You haven't started preparing, have you?" she asked, with a chuckle "I had a hunch it was going to be a challenge for you to make arrangements this year. The life of a newlywed can be pretty complicated even if you're not married to a man in the military. You'd better make your plans soon if you want to come to the beach house this year. Any-thing I can do to help?"

ahead of me, which is her job as a mom Now instead of Mom taking care of all the family vacation details, I was going to have to figure out how to organize, arrange and pay my family's vacations.

I needed to get organized and I'd start with my mom's famous vacation to-do list. I picked up a piece of paper and started writ-

First, Jake needed to take time off from work Not taking any chances, I called him at work and asked him to put in his leave permission chit. He agreed and was hopeful that his chain of com-

mand would approve his request even though he had not been at the command that long. checked his LES and he had enough leave days available to take the week off

Next was my vacation. I called Mr. Mickey and asked him if I could take off that week. I even volunteered to work off-site via the Internet if he wanted me to. He said there was no need. He

did joke that he'd have trouble living without me for a week and to take my laptop just in case.

I'd grown closer to Mr. Mickey since my initial job interview. He knew if something needed to be completed, I'd make it happen and I knew he was usually looking out for me.

Next, I needed to figure whether to travel by car, plane or train, I checked prices on the Internet. A round trip plane ticket cost \$507 for each of us and would take about five hours. I estimated that driving the 1,200 miles to Whidbey would cost about \$900 assuming it cost 37.5 cents a mile and that it would take two nine-hour days of driving. Final-



Source: Rainh Nelson

Stars and Strines

ly, a train trip for both of us based on information I found at www.amtrak.com would cost us \$436 and would take two days while staying in a sleeper car.

The train was the obvious choice. It was the least expensive and the sleeper car sounded both relaxing and romantic.

Everything was slowly starting to fall into place — just like when Mom did it - and that was a good feeling.

As soon as Jake confirmed he could take leave, I'd reserve our tickets on www.amtrak.com. It we worked fast, we could get tickets to leave on Saturday morning and arrive Sunday evening. I'd also plan on my dad picking us up in Seattle and driving us to the

Finally, we'd need snacks on the trip and need to pick up some of the cost for the family's food once we arrived.

The planning spreadsheet had

a rough vacation cost of \$676. This would be an expensive trip considering Jake and I barely made \$2,000 a month after taxes - and we weren't even paying

for lodging. I wondered how expensive it was for Maggie to go on vacation with a child. Jake and I talked about the trip

when he got home that night. As for taking leave, Jake said his senior chief didn't see a problem with him taking it, but some

extra paperwork would be waiting for him when he got back. Then, we talked about the budget and where to get the \$676. We both agreed not to use the credit card since Jake's old senior chief recommended never using a cred-

it card for consumables like eating out and vacations. It was too easy to forget about these types of expenses until the credit card bill came. We decided to pay for our train tickets out of our savings account immediately and take a couple hundred in cash during the trip and split it between the two us for safety. Finally, we agreed to build our savings ac-

count back up quickly in the fall. Over the next week, we finished the items on my vacation check list. When it came time to leave on Saturday morning, our stuff was all ready.

I couldn't wait to start the fami-

ly beach week! Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — "The Savvy Sailor" and "The Savvy Naval Officer" — can be purchased by writing to: Master Plan Inc., 500 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 2084 or online at www.savy.onweb.com. This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes are professional financial advisers. If you need advice, please seek profession assistance. The author specifically disclaims any liability, loss or risk—presenal or otherwise—incurred as: personal or otherwise - incurred as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of using or applying any of the informati contained in this article or the book. E-mail for feedback is: finance@stripes.osd.mil

Planners: Money matters can muddle marriage

Couple mixes financial, relationship advice

BY SHERVI JEAN

St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press Talk to financial planners Susan and

Steve Zimmerman, and you will get more than practical advice on how to invest your money. You also will get a strong dose of psychoanalysis. In 20 years of working and living together,

the Zimmermans have learned that to truly help people get their finances under control they first must know what makes them tick.

The Zimmermans are among a small but growing number of financial planners who have figured out the intimate bond between money and relationships makes human nature hard to ignore when making financial decisions. Most people's money habits are deeply rooted in the way they were raised, they and others say, so it is no surprise money is one of the top reasons behind marital troubles.

Susan Zimmerman, who along with her credentials as a financial planner is a licensed family and marriage therapist, has identified eight personality traits called

"money rascals" to help figure out how peo ple think about money. The terms include "flashers," who are spendthrifts, and "cashers," who are savers and debt dodgers..

The Zimmermans, who live in Apple Valley, Minn., use themselves as examples. She refers to herself as a "recovering" casher. Steve Zimmerman says he is a recovered stasher, who liked the thrill of high-risk investments and making a quick buck.

"The trick is to get them balanced and not have one dominate at any one time said Susan Zimmerman, exchanging a knowing look with her husband, "It's simply helped us to know what deeper questions to ask — and to help put couples at ease. I was never OK with it just being about the numbers. The Zimmermans think their back-

round and experience give them insight in helping other couples and helps differ entiate them in a crowded field of financial planners. They are also among a few married financial planners across the country who counsel clients together.

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Financial planners Susan and Steve Zimmerman, right, meet with Ken and Cindy Youngberg in Apple Valley, Minn. The Zimmermans believe there are eight financial personal types to help people figure out how they handle money.

YOUR MONEY

Read permanent records

Money Talk

O: I was glad to hear that consumers are finally getting the right to a free copy of their credit re-ports, thanks to the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act that passed last year. But what about some of the other files that are compiled on consum-ers, such as medical information and employment history? I think the information compiled by employ-

ment screening companies in particular would be an extremely useful piece of information to have. Consumers should have a right to know if there is incorrect informa-tion in these files that could prevent them from getting hired. Is there any way to get a

copy of these other reports? A: Yes and no.

All of the hoopla over free credit reports has overshadowed the fact that the credit bureaus aren't the only ones compiling information on you. In addition to the types of reports you mentioned, there are also da-tabases that track your rental history as a tenant, your check-writing history and insurance claims you may have filed. Incor-rect information in any of these files can cause you problems, so it's important to check them

regularly and correct any mistakes Fortunately, these databases are covered by the FACTA law that governs credit bureaus. What's different about these "noncredit" consumer reporting agencies is that there's no waiting: everyone in the country is now eligible to a free report from each of these databases once a year. By contrast, only people in the Western states are currently eligible for free credit reports; the rest of the country will get ac-

cess on a staggered schedule next year But here's the rub. Only companies that maintain

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consumer databases are required to provide the free reports, and many employment screening com-panies don't keep such permanent files. They gather information about you and send it off to employers without keeping permanent copies, said Les Rosen, co-chairman of the National Association of Profes-

sional Background Screeners. Those screeners are not required to provide reports to consum-

ers, free or otherwise. One company that maintains a permanent employment-related database is Choice-Point, which also compiles information

about tenants and about auto and homeowners insurance claims in its Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange (CLUE) data-You can visit its Web site at www.choicetrust.com or call 312-8076 to get your CLUE reports, (866) 448-5732 to get your tenant history and (866)

312-8075 to get your employment history. Other databases you might want to con-tact include the Medical Information Bureau at www.mib.com or (617) 426-3660.

The MIB is a membership association of 600 companies, mostly insurers, that share information to detect and prevent fraud; if you're ever ap-plied for a life, health, disability or long-term care policy, your information may be in this database.

ChexSystems keeps records of those who have abused their checking accounts, typically by repeatedly bouncing checks. You can request a free report at www.chexhelp.com or by calling (800) 428-9623. Liz Pulliam Weston is the author of "Your Credit Score: How to Fix, Improve and Protect the 3-Digit Number That Shapes Your Financial Future." Questions for Money Talk can be submitted via her Web site, http://www.lizweston.com, although she regrets that she cannot respond personally to queries.

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Money: Compatibility is key to successful finances, marriage

MONEY, FROM PAGE 26

In the mid-1990s, Susan Zimmerman became interested in the psychological study of financial decision-making and ended un getting a master's degree in counseling and family therapy. She weaves that knowledge into her financial planning and dealing with the various "money rascals" she counsels.

The most problematic pairs are an overspender like a rasher, who is compulsive, and a casher, who is very organized, she said.

"Those two types can give each other some major headaches because they'll both tend to plant their feet a little and not able to see how the other is," she said

The most compatible couples are those who are equal parts stasher, who is diversified, and casher, she said. Then, reasonable decisions will be made without much disagreement.

The Zimmermans have found their niche: About three-quarters of their clientele are couples and about half of those are business partners.

Many financial planners say they inadvertently deal with client matters that reach beyond the finances because money and lifestyle issues often are intricately tied together

Couples will discuss subjects that have not been broached before. Sometimes it gets down-

Personality types

Susan Zimmerman, a financial consultant and licensed marriage and family therapist, focuses on how people think about money. She has identified eight personality types called "money rascals" in her book "The Power in Your Money Personality.'

- Flasher: Likes to splurge on flashy items.
- Rasher: A frequent, impulsive shopper.
- Clasher: Indecisive about money habits. ■ Dasher: Too busy to focus
- on money management. ■ Basher: Bashes materialism
- and building wealth. Asher: Worries about
- money.
- Casher: Loves to save cash, hates debt. Stasher: Stashes money in

high-risk, high-return investments Here are questions couples

should ask themselves, according to her book:

- How are you alike or different from each other?
- Do you clash?
- How do you handle conflicts or indecisions about money?
- Do you talk; yell; lie; avoid; sneak; compromise?
- What would you like to change or improve?
 - St. Paul Pioneer Press

Money tip of the day

ents and Sensibility

What to do with wrong gift

NEW YORK - It's bound to happen every time the holidays roll around: You get a gift that is great, but a little off (wrong size, unflattering color, etc.); way off-base (Omaha steaks for a vegetarian); or just awful (trophy plaque with a plastic rhinoceros head)

Here are some options to get something from your worst gifts. Return it. Without a receipt. fore you accept, ask to speak with a manager about your options. He or she may be able to offer you cash back or another form of payment. Auction it. You may not want these items, but others

most store representatives will

try to give you store credit. Be-

will ■ Swap it. Even gift certifi-

cates can be exchanged. Visit www.swapagift.com, where you can register for free to view listings of available gift cards.



Discover why so many people are saying...



Sunday Horoscope

The Capricorn moon loves tradi tion. And during this very traditional time of year, honoring the rituals passed down through your family. culture and generation will bring a feeling of peace and unity. The simple act of sitting down to dinner together will be grounding, getting you psychologically ready

Holiday Mathis to face the action-packed week ahead.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 12). You mine your potential this year, and destiny smiles on you! In February, be open to introductions. By March, an important issue concerning home or family will reach fruition. A spiritu al catharsis is headed your way in April. Debts are cleared in June so you can justify that extravagant vacation! Love

signs are Cancer and Libra. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 15, 28, 50 ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Let that genie out of the bottle. You've racked up a few new wishes and are ready to articulate them to someone who can actually do something about it! The future is bright, and it's right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You get the message loud and

- and this important communication probably comes through a family member or close female friend. Take full advantage of the info and use it to close a big deal

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). All those numbers you've been crunching lately finally add up to big bucks. You'll see a windfall before

the year's out. If you need special permission to invest in yourself first, consider this horoscope your invitation

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Like the shape-shifting moon, you

are always able to reinvent yourself. Others see you in a new and flattering light. Accept the recognition with grace - you earned it through years of hard work

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22), Some thing that was previously hidden behind gray clouds now comes to light. This crucial bit of information helps you put all the puzzle pieces together. Take time to rethink your strategy before redoubling your efforts

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being a team player pays off for you when a kindred spirit in your

group becomes a champion of your pet project. Mixing business with pleasure was never this much fun. Be willing to

share the profits, though. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Your dream job is calling to you like a beacon in the fog. Tune in to your instincts, and you'll see the way clearly. You might feel duplicitous for even considering other

employment, but not considering your options would be foolish

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just because the spotlight isn't on you, that's no excuse to let someone else get all the glory. Book a trip, or take a class - you'll awaken your spirit, and you might even benefit financially.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You stand to benefit amazingly from other people's money Those "other people" may include your spouse, your business partner, a family member or even the government. Be generous to those less fortunate

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Your significant other or perhans a close friend can sometimes express your hidden fears and desires better than you can. It's OK to let him or her see your vulnerable side. You are cherished.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

It's a good thing you like surprises because your schedule is about to get thrown for a loop. When folks get uppity, you're just as likely to be the anchor in the storm as the lightning rod.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You've never needed an excuse to party, but you'll get plenty anyway. An abundance of love, money and creative freedom are just the beginning. Fishes create their own fiesta everywhere they go, so pick a pond, and dive in

Creators Syndicate

'Josh' origins only a theory

Our neighbor's name is Josh He was asking recently how the term to "josh" someone (meaning to tease or kid) came to be. We could find nothing to help him with his question. Can you J.V., Toms River, N.J.

Dear J.V.: Sorry to disappoint you and Josh, but the verb "josh is another one of those words of mysterious origin for which many unproven theories are bandied about

The favorite theory of most commentators seems to be that "josh" is connected with the name "Josh Billings," which was the pseudonym of American hu-morist Henry W. Shaw. Shaw began writing in 1858, however, and we know that an early form of the verb "iosh" existed several vears before that Another theory is that "josh"

comes from an English dialect term, "joskin," meaning "bump-kin." But "josh" began life in America, not England, so again

the connection seems weak. Some theorists suggest that "Josh" was once considered by certain people to be a homely or unrefined name. But, for now, at least, the mystery of "josh" remains unsolved

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Tale of teen sex should be shared with girl's parents

Dear Abby: My 13-year-old daughter, "Dena," is in the same grade as her friend "Amanda Amanda has a sister, "Barb, who turned 15 last month. Aman-

da told my Dena that Barb's 16-year-old boyfriend Dear Abby

has been sneaking in Barb's bedroom window several nights a week for a while now, after their mother and stepfather have gone to bed. Amanda also confided that Barb told her that she and the boyfriend have had sex a couple of times, including before Barb turned 15

I am not close to the mother and stepfather, although I do run into them at school functions. I wouldn't begin to know how to approach the parents and tell them what I

Should I be concerned with what's happening in other peo ple's homes after they've gone to bed? Or should I keep this to myself and let them find out the hard way down the road?

- Another Mother in Oklahoma Dear Mother: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you Call that girl's mother and tell her what you know and how you learned it. If what your daughter's friend confided is true, they need bars on the windows and a chastity belt for Barb (and some serious counseling).

Dear Abby: I work in the mailroom of a large company. Every day we deliver the mail

that is sent to the people who work here. On some occasions, I deliver mail to people who have private offices. Sometimes, these neople are having a meeting in their office and do not shut the door.

When this happens, should I just give them their mail or wait until they are finished talking to that person? I'm asking because some

times I get dirty looks from those people while I'm giving them their mail — like, "How dare you come into my office while someone is in here!

Abby, I don't talk to them and I try to stay out of their way, because I know that someone walking in can be distracting. What is the correct mailroom etiquette? Confused Deliverer

Dear Confused: The universal signal for "Do Not Disturb" is a closed door. If the door is open. then you should be free to enter. However, since you are being given dirty looks for making deliveries while there is a conversation in progress, the next time

or she would prefer under those circumstances. Another suggestion would be to stand quietly in the doorway for a few seconds and wait for the person to acknowledge you and motion you

Dear Abby: I have been married to "Kurt" for 13 years. It's a second marriage for both of us. Kurt consistently fails to introduce me at social functions and leaves me to fend for myself. At the last party we attended, he left me to talk to the most attractive blond woman there - someone we had both just met. At the end of the evening, he hugged her

and told her to call when she's back in town. I told Kurt his behavior hurt my feelings, and if he respected me he wouldn't act this way. He says I'm out of line. What do you

- Socially Abandoned in Bend, Ore.

Dear Socially Abandoned: Your husband appears to suffer from social amnesia — he "forgets" he's married when the two of you go out. You are not out of line; he is.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Woman's extended vacations may amount to animal abuse

Dear Annie: I have a friend. "Moira," who lives in a very small house. Moira isn't married and has no children, but she does have 12 cats.

Moira hasn't let anvone inside her house in the last 10 years She says the house is too dirty Her heater broke several years

ago, and she won't let anyone in to fix it Here's what is bothering me: When Moira goes on vacation, she leaves the cats in the house and won't let anyone in to check on

them She says she leaves food and water out, but sometimes she is gone for two weeks at a time This summer, Moira left the cats in the house when the weather in our area was over 100 degrees

Some of our friends say this is animal cruelty. Others say it's Moira's business and we should stay out of it. Tell me, Annie, what should I do?

 Confused Cat in California Dear Cat: Leaving 12 cats cooped up inside an overheated house with no means of cooling off is animal abuse and we worry about Moira's mental

You can report the situation anonymously to the local Humane Society, but if you are unwilling to do that, perhaps her friends could offer to pay for a cleaning service. Also, please talk to Moira. She might benefit from some professional help

Dear Annie: I am a

48-year-old single mom. I had not had a serious relationship for years until I met "Gilbert," who is truly the man of my Annie's Mailbox dreams. He's 49, handsome, educated and

> a lot in common The problem is, Gilbert lives 200 miles away. He and I decided that before we fell too deeply in love, we should break it off un less we could manage to live closer. He said he doesn't want to say goodnight to me on the phone. He wants me

successful, and we have

with him, and it's just too painful to be apart

I have never been so in love with anyone, and I am certain Gilbert is the man I want to be with for the rest of my life. I would pack up and move near him, but I have a 15-year-old who doesn't want to leave her school and her friends. I really need some good advice

- Lost True Love Dear Lost: It's too bad Gilbert finds you so geographically unde sirable. Your daughter will be going off to college in a few short vears. Is it possible for you to

convince Gilbert to maintain a not-so-long-distance relationship until then? Surely, if both of you are sufficiently motivated, you could find a way to see each other every month and, along with phone calls and e-mail, it might be enough.

Dear Annie: You were correct in referring the person from "Salina, Kan.," who admitted having a gambling problem, to Gamblers Anonymous.

However, I am concerned about the writer's revelation that he's thought about suicide. Compulsive gamblers often feel guilty, depressed, ashamed and are deeply in debt. Sadly, they frequently come to believe that suicide is the only way out of their situation

Please inform your readers about the National Compulsive Gambling Hotline (1-800-522-4700) and the National Honeline Network crisis line (1-800-784-2433).

- Deanna Dailey, Mental Health Association of North Dakota

Dear Deanna Dailey: We appreciate the way our readers look out for one another. Bless you for caring.

You for carns.

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RELIGION

'Warrior monk' fulfills his calling in Iraq

BY JACKIE SPINNER

The Washington Post

HASWAH, Iraq - His flak jacket was covered in dried blood, his blood. Look at the stains, Marine Lance Cpl. June N Ramos said, pointing. There were dark red smears all over the front of his camouflage

Ramos reached into the pocket of the flak jacket and pulled out a small silver tin wrapped in a plastic bag. He opened the container, which held a half-dozen Com-

"Instead of putting a grenade in here, Ramos said, fastening the pocket of his vest, "I put the body of Christ."

They call him the "warrior monk."
Ramos, 32, was studying to be a Benedictine monk when he joined the Marines in 2003. He wants to be a chaplain, but first, he said, he must live the life of a Marine

So this is where he was on a crisp morning in Iraq, guarding a police station in this city 25 miles south of the capital, barbed wire surrounding the complex where he had slept fitfully in the cold air.

"I'm a Filipino citizen, serving in the United States Marines, fighting for the United States," he said, his body upright and at attention while he talked.

Ramos had just returned to duty after being hit by shrapnel from an improvised bomb in October. It was not the first time he had been hurt.

He picked up his helmet, which had a small wooden cross hanging from it, and showed the chin strap that probably saved his life. The strap was torn, shredded by the metal that had hit it before going into Ramos's neck. Metal lodged in a sinus cavi-



Marine Lance Cpl. June N. Ramos, 32, displays the Communion wafers he carries. He has escaped serious injury more than once during his tour in Iraq.

enough that he survived. He remembered the experience clearly - the explosion and then the nain.

When a Marine dies in combat, they say he's bought the farm. Ramos did not buy the farm, just a ride home. But when he was in the field hospital in Baghdad, Ramos said he knew he had to return to the field. He had work to do. He is the man who administers Communion to Roman Catholic Marines on the front, and his job

"This is my calling, the reason why I am

ty and his gums - but it had been slowed here," said Ramos, a slight man with an impish grin. He was bundled up for the cold, his green. Marine-issued scarf pulled tight over his head to cover his ears. He also wore a black stocking cap, like those worn by the rest of his platoon buddies in 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

He keeps surviving, Ramos said. He has been in mortar attacks, mine explosions, the roadside bomb attack that cut his neck. In any other place, he might feel invisible, but Ramos knows that danger does not

start and stop. He has not yet made it out. "God is always with me," Ramos said. "He's always there watching."

He was walking through a field a few months ago when a mine exploded. The sound was so loud that he thought for sure he'd been hit. He was covered in dust, feeling for his legs, when he realized he was walking. He was intact.

A few weeks later, he was in a concrete bunker that fellow Marines were reinforcing with sandbags. It collapsed on him, pinning him on his side. "I was so very lucky," Ramos said. He escaped with only a large bruise on his rib cage.

Refore he hecame a Marine Ramos was studying at a monastery in Abiquiu. N.M.. an isolated spot on a dirt road near the Chama River. After he serves his four-year tour in the Marines, Ramos said, he intends to return to his theological studies and become a monk.

His fellow Marines respect the life he has chosen, he said, "They totally understand. We are in war, but still God is watching over us."

The hospital in Baghdad where Ramos recovered from the bomb blast in October had a special hallway reserved for insurgents who had been wounded and were being patched up by military doctors. Ramos said he was angry, hurt, in pain, but he decided to walk down that hallway.

"God told me not to be angry," Ramos said. "I pretty much quoted what Jesus said on the cross. I prayed that they would know the real presence of God, that God would guard them and protect them.

He came back to his unit about two weeks ago, a man who had forgiven and was ready to fight again, Ramos said. He would not dream of being anyplace else.

"I trust in God and keep the faith." Ramos said. "If God is with me, who can be against me, right? Be not afraid, that's what



The Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud, left, hugs her partner, Chris Paige, in Pughtown, Pa., on Dec. 2. Stroud, a lesbian minister in the United Methodist Church, was found guilty of violating a church ban on actively gay clergy and defrocked. A 13-member jury made up of Methodist clergy convicted Stroud on the second day of her church trial.

Tension remains despite recent defrocking of gay Methodist pastor

BY RICHARD N. OSTLING The Associated Press

PUGHTOWN, Pa. - The recent defrocking of a United Methodist Church pastor who broke church law by living openly with her lesbian partner was a victory for the denomination's conservative wing. But more broadly, did it signify a decisive turn for the denomination? Conservatives hope so. The church-trial verdict shows "we will not surrender to the popular culture on matters of sexual ethics."

That's the contention of Mark Tooley, the Methodist specialist at the conservative Institute on Religion and Democracy.

Liberals, however, saw the result against the Rev. ene Elizabeth Stroud of Philadelphia as a case of the UMC "shamefully" caving in to "cultural prejudice" against gays and lesbians.

Those are the words of the Reconciling Ministries Network, an alliance of 192 congregations and other Methodist groups that favors "full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identi-The network branded Stroud's ouster as sin and blasphemy.

American society's ongoing cultural war over gay relationships undoubtedly affects churches, but the Stroud case was shaped more by internal Methodist dynamics

With 8.3 million members, 35,000 congregations and \$5 billion in annual proceeds, the UMC is the monolith of mainline Protestantism

On most matters, both theological and temporal, it follows mainliners' left-of-center views — but on the gay clergy issue, forces that back traditional Christian teaching against gay sex have been winning.

Among other mainline groups, the United Church

of Christ and Episcopal Church are more welcoming of openly gay, partnered clergy, though a minority of Episcopalians fiercely disagree with that stance, with backing from fellow Anglicans overseas. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sharply divided over its gay ban, which covers both clergy and lay officeholders, and awaits a crucial report late next year and a 2006 showdown.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America could also erupt, depending on recommendations that a panel is polishing this weekend for release Jan. 13 and action at a convention next August.

The UMC's struggle originated at the 1972 legislative General Conference, where an official committee to re-examine overall social policy proposed language of acceptance toward gays and lesbians. But delegates inserted a phrase specifying that same-sex practices are "incompatible with Christian teachin

The 1984 Methodist conference followed up with the law Stroud violated, forbidding "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" in the ministry.

National UMC rules are applied by regional clergy juries. The one in eastern Pennsylvania readily agreed that Stroud broke the law, but the vote of 7-6 on the penalty of defrocking was the minimum necessary. It's anguishing for clerics to oust fellow ministers and with Stroud - who will retain many of her duties with her supportive congregation — even the prosecution praised her pastoral devotion.

Stroud is undecided if she will appeal and will announce her plans after Christmas. An appeal might seem automatic but she wonders, "If I were to win on an appeal, is it healthy for the church for a decision to be made judicially that as many as two-thirds of Methodists may disagree with?"

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Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 11 din-Baylor (12-1) at Mount Union, Mary Hardin-Sulvor (12-1) at Mouris Grandin Cardin Baylor (12-1) at Mouris Grandin Cardin Car

College basketball

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 2. Karsas (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Louislana-Lalayete, Saturday.
 3. Georgia Tech (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Louislana (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Biophamton, Saturday.
 5. Oklahoma State (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. Biophamton, Saturday.
 1. Oklahoma State (7-0) beat Alabama-Birmingham 86-73. Next: at UNLV, Saturday, Next. Saturday.

mingham 86-73. Next: at UNLV, Saturday, Dec. 18.

6. Wake Forest (6-1) did not play. Next: at Temple, Monday.

7. Connecticut (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Rice, Sunday, Dec. 19.

8. North Carolina (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola of Chicago, Sunday.

3. Duke (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Toledo, 3. Duke (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Toledo, 2. Duke (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Toledo, 3. Duke (5-0) did not play.

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11. Pittsburgh (6-0) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Saturday.
12. North Carolina State (6-0) did not play. Next: st. Liberty, Saturday.
13. Louisville (4-1) did not play. Next: at

Next vs. Liberly, Saturday,

14. Tozas (6-1) did not play, Next at Florida, Saturday,

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Women's AP Top 25 fared

1. LSU (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Minnesota, Tuesday, Dec. 14. 2. Stanford (6-0) beat Pepperdine 85-49. Next: at San Francisco, Sunday. 3. Duke (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Liberty,

Next at \$4 sp Francisco, Sunday.

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B State (2-2) did not play. Next: vs. Pen State, Saturday.

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State, Saturda (6-1) did not play. Next: at Presion State, Saturda (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wonmouth, N.J., Sunday. 20. Rutgers (5-1) did not play. Next: at Tem-ple, Monday. 21. Purdue (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Western Michigan, Sunday. 21. Purdue (5-2) did not piay. Next. vs. /estern Michigan, Sunday. 22. Houston (8-0) did not play. Next: at Ha-rali, Thursday, Dec. 16. 23. TCU (7-2) did not play. Next: at Utah,

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24. Arizona (6-1) did not play. Next: at No.

11. Georgia, Sunday.

25. Kansas State (4-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri-Kansas City, Saturday.

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Baseball

Free agent signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 57 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management of the contract of t

SOURCES:

AMARIM (1) — Signed Steve Finley, of, Los Angeles, to a \$14 million, two-year contract. BALTIMORE (2) — Re-signed BJ. Surhoff, (t) a \$1.1 million, one-year contract signed Chris Gomez, SS, Toronto, to a minor league contract (\$825,000).

BOSTON (2) — Re-signed Doug Mirabelli, c, to a \$3 million, two-year contract; signed Matt Mantel, the Arizona, to a \$75,000, CHICAGO (2) — Signed Dustin Hermanson, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Jermaine Dye, of, Caldand, to a \$10.15 million, two-year contract;

(\$500,000).

MINNESOTA (3) — Signed Juan Castro, 3b,
Cincinnati, to a \$2.05 million, two-year contract; signed Mike Redmond, c, Florida, to a
\$1.8 million, two-year contract; re-signed
Brad Radke, rhp, to an \$18 million, two-year

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ARIZONA (3) — Re-signed Quinton McCracken, of, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Troy Glaus, 3b, Anaheim, to a \$45 million, four-year contract; signed Russ Ortiz, rhp, Atlanta, to a \$33 million,

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New York Mets, to an \$8 million, one-year contract. HOUSTON (3) — Re-signed Jose Vizcaino, ss, to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract; re-signed Orlando Palmeiro, of, to an \$800,000, one-year contract; re-signed Russ Springer, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$550,000).

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LOS ANGELES (2) — Signed Ricky Ledee, of, San Francisco, to a \$2.5 million, two-year contract: signed Jeff Kent, Zb, Houston, to a \$17 million, two-year contract.

MILWAUKEC (1) — Signed Damian Miller, c, Oakland, to an \$8.5 million, three-year contract.

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College soccer NCAA Men's Division I

tournament

Men's College Cup At The Home Depot Cer Carson, Calif. Semifinals Friday, Dec. 10 Indiana 3, Maryland 2, OT UC Santa Barbara 5, Duke 0

Championship
Sunday, Dec. 12
Indiana (18-4-1) vs. UC Santa Barbara (21-2-1)

Golf

Target World Challenge

At Sherwood Country Club
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Purse: \$3.5 million
Yardage: \$6.33 yards; Par: 71
Colin Montgomerie
Tiger Woods

Jay Haas Jim Furyk Davis Love III Chris DiMarco Miguel Angel Jimenez Padraig Harrington Chad Campbell Fred Couples Stewart Cink John Daly Todd Hamilton John Daly Todd Hamilton

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Dunhill Championship

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Friday's transactions

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BASKETBALL
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GARDNER-WEBB-Named Will Holthouser football defensive coordinator.
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coach.

UTAH STATE—Named Brent Guy football

USC sophomore Bush steps out of shadows

Low-profile, big-play back joins QB Leinart as Heisman finalist

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By JOHN NADEL

The Associated Press

ways, Reggie Bush is the most unlikely Heisman Trophy finalist. He doesn't start for No. 1 Southern California, and ranks second

LOS ANGELES

on the team in rushing and receiv-

He's a sophomore, and the pre vious winners have all been juniors or seniors

Finally, he's often been over shadowed by teammate Matt Leinart, also a finalist for the award. They'll be joined at Saturday night's ceremony in New by Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson and Jason White and Utah quarterback Alex Smith. Bush's former high school teammate from near San Diego.

All that being said, Bush doesn't think of himself as a long

"I envision myself winning the Heisman Trophy," he said. "We'll see. You don't want to be selfish, but at the same time you do be cause it's one of the greatest awards a college athlete can get.

"We're right down the street from Hollywood. Anything can happen in Hollywood. Obviously, I'd love to win. All year it's been in my mind frame, but it's out of my control.

Bush's résumé is packed with

big plays.

He caught three touchdown

Leinart in a seapasses from Leinart in a sea-son-opening 24-13 victory over

Sugar Bowl-bound Virginia Tech He returned punts for touchdowns at Washington State and Oregon State

And he finished the season with a breathtaking performance against UCLA, rushing for a career-high 204 yards on 15 carries and scoring on runs of 65 and 81 vards

To find out who won the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night, visit www.stripes.com.

"I guess I kind of shot up the voting polls," Bush said.

Bush, a 6-foot, 200-pounder, ranks fifth in the country in all-purpose yards, averaging 181.8 per game. He did so despite the fact that opposing teams did everything they could to kick the ball away from him and track his every move from scrimmage

He rushed for 833 yards on 137 carries and six touchdowns; caught 41 passes for 478 yards and seven TDs: returned 23 punts for 369 yards and two scores, and 19 kickoffs for 501

His rushing numbers nale in comparison to Peterson, the other tailback among the finalists who has 1,843 yards.

Rush is about more than just numbers. He's a game-breaker

"He's the most spectacular player I've ever seen in college football." Trojans tight end Alex Holmes said. "Teams gun for him, they change their whole defense. Every time he touches the ball, he has a chance to score, You can't say that about too many

Soft-snoken and studious off the field. Bush is much different when he's playing.

"On the field, I'm probably the exact opposite of that," he said, "I love all the attention. At the same time, I keep myself humble

"Split personality, on and off The 19-year-old should be good

at self-analysis, considering he's a psychology major on track to graduate in 31/2 years



Southern Cal sophomore Reggie Bush is fifth in the country with 181.8 all-purpose yards a game.

"A totally different person comes out on the field," he said. "Sometimes a good attitude sometimes a had attitude. Football brings out a whole different person in me."

Like last weekend against LICLA At the end of his first long touchdown run, he somersaulted into the end zone and received an unsportsmanlike conduct penal-

"It wasn't anything I'd thought about before." he said. "It was just instinctive. I just did it. I wasn't trying to show off. It just happened.

The Trojans' wealth of talent limits Bush's opportunities. He averaged less than 11½ carries per game, compared to nearly 16 for eammate LenDale White, and fewer than 31/2 receptions.

"I guess it's just the nature of the beast," Bush said.

"There's only one ball to around. It can be frustrating. But we're winning. I think that just makes us that more dangerous that we have other athletes and can spread the ball around.'

He does make the most of those limited chances, averaging just under 10 yards per touch. Bush even threw a 52-vard TD pass against Arizona State.

"It's tough because of the situation we have here - he can only get the ball so much," Leinart "I think he will be a Heisman Trophy winner before he's gone. He deserves it.

"He's the best player in col-

Longhorns linebacker Johnson wins Butkus

ORLANDO, Fla. - Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson won the Butkus Award on Friday night as the nation's best linebacker

Johnson is the first Texas play er to win the award, beating out Ahmad Brooks of Virginia and Matt Grootegoed of Southern Cali-

Johnson, who was a Butkus finalist last year as a junior, led the Longhorns this season with 128 tackles, 78 solo and 19 for loss. He also added two sacks, one interception and eight forced fumbles for No. 6 Texas, which faces No. 13 Michigan in the Rose Bowl on

Johnson has already been named the winner of the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, awarded to the nation's best defensive player. He was also a finalist for the Lombardi Award, given to the top college lineman. Georgia's David Pollack won the Lombardi

New Year's Day.

Named for NFL Hall of Fame linebacker Dick Butkus, the award is presented by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando.

Stanford interviews Pittsburgh coach Harris

STANFORD, Calif. - Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris interviewed at Stanford on Friday for the school's coaching vacancy.

Stanford officials said Harris was on campus to meet with athletic director Ted Leland, who hired Harris as football coach at Pacific in 1989 when Leland was the AD there. Harris met with Leland two days after Southern Calioffensive coordinator Norm Chow visited to interview for the job Now that Leland has inter-

viewed his top two candidates, a decision on Buddy Teevens' successor could come soon — perhaps by the end of the weekend. Teevens was fired Nov. 28 after three straight losing seasons. Leland is looking for a coach

with a strong offensive back-



Stanford struggled to score during Teevens' tenure The Cardinal

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went 4-7 the past two seasons, losing their last five games this year. They were 0-13 down the stretch the past three seasons.

Notre Dame assistant accepts coordinator position at Florida

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Notre Dame defensive line coach Greg Mattison is leaving to join new Florida coach Urban Meyer, the man the Fighting Irish tried to hire last week to replace the fired Tyrone Willingham.

Mattison was hired Friday as the Gators co-defensive coordinator, and will be reunited with Meyer. The two were Notre Dame assistants under Bob Davie until 2001. Mattison will share the coordinator's job with Charlie Strong, who also worked at Notre Dame.

Colorado Mines OB Friehauf wins Harlon Hill Trophy

FLORENCE Ala - Colorado School of Mines quarterback Chad Friehauf won the Harlon Hill Trophy as the Division II college football player of the year on Friday night.

Friehauf, a senior from Brush, Colo., threw for 4,646 vards and 39 touchdowns in leading the Miners to their first ever playoff win and a 12-1 record. The Miners went 11-0 in the regular season

The Harlon Hill winner is chosen by sports information directors, and the trophy is named for the star receiver who played for North Alabama from 1950-53.

Friehauf leads Division II in total offense with 412.5 yards per game, and is second in passing efficiency with a 170.7 rating. He had a streak of 180 consecutive passes this season without an interception and completed 384 of 516 passes. His total yards per game and his 5.363 total yards are division records.

Third road victory puts James Madison in I-AA final BY HANK KURZ JR Fenner carried 22 times for 117 yards On the Tribe's next play. Brandon Beach

The Associated Press

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. - Justin Rascati wasn't the most heralded quarterback in

his NCAA Division I-AA semifinal against William & Mary, but he was pretty darned good, and his supporting cast was superb. Rascati threw for three touchdowns and James Madison converted four turnovers into touchdowns Friday night, beating the

Tribe 48-34 "Our line did a great job and our receivers caught everything," Rascati said after leading a turnover-free offense that made a heap of big plays. "We could throw, we

could run, do whatever it takes to win The Dukes (12-2) avenged a last-play loss to the Tribe in the regular season and moved on to next weekend's national championship against Sam Houston State or Montana, who were to play Saturday, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

James Madison, which won 14-13 at Le-

high in the first round and 14-13 at Furman to get to the semifinals, also became the first team in I-AA to make it to the champi onship game by winning three times on the rnad

And they did it by turning back the comeback kids. "This is pretty much everything I can

ask for my senior year," Dukes cornerback Cortez Thompson said

William & Mary (11-3), which rallied from a 31-10 deficit to beat defending national champion Delaware in double overtime last weekend, fell behind 21-0, rode the passing of Lang Campbell to a 26-20 third-quarter lead, then fell behind again and killed their chances with two turn-

Each time, the Dukes drove for scores. mixing the running of Maurice Fenner with Rascati's passing to eat clock time and prevent Campbell and the Tribe from another miracle comeback before a sellout crowd of 12,259.

all but six in the second half. He broke off a 29-yard run on the first play after William & Mary took its first lead, and Rascati hit D.D. Boxley for a 34-yard touchdown on the next play, Boxley making a dazzling diving fingertip grab.

"When I got in, I just wanted to make something happen," Fenner said.

Rascati, who transferred to the school in Harrisonburg for this season, finished 11-for-14 for 143 yards. He also hit Casime Harris for a 19-vard touchdown and Antoinne Bolton for 13 to make it 41-26. "Coach preached all week that the team

that turned the ball over the least was going to win," Rascati said. "That's what we did Trailing 27-26, William & Mary had just

made a first down when Jon Smith fumbled at his 45 and Bruce Johnson recovered for the Dukes. They took 11 plays to drive 48 vards to Chris Iorio's 4-vard touchdown run.

hit Campbell from behind, forcing another fumble, and Demetrius Shambley ered for James Madison at the Tribe 18. Three plays later, Rascati hit Bolton to clinch it. "When you make that many mistakes

and give them the ball as much as we did, it doesn't help," Campbell said. He also threw an interception that was returned 69 vards for a touchdown by Clint Kent, then hit on 17 consecutive passes and finished 30-for-39 for 315 yards with three TDs.

"It's been a dream season," he said. The game brought an end to what

seemed a magical 25th anniversary celebration for William & Mary coach Jimmye Laycock, who played for the Tribe under Mary Levy and Lou Holtz and is the school's victory leader.

"Obviously it's very disappointing when you finish with a loss, and a tough one like that." he said. But "this loss takes nothing away.

Stoudemire nearly gets first triple-double

PHOENIX - Amare Stoudemire is showing that not only can he score and rebound, he's an

adroit passer, too. Stoudemire, the NRA's third-leading scorer and No. 18 rebounder, came close to the first triple-double of his career with 36 points, 15 rebounds and a career-high eight assists in leading the Phoenix Suns nast the Charlotte Bobcats 115-106 on Friday.

The victory was the Suns' fourth in a row, 13th in their last 14 games and gave them a 17-3 record - tying Seattle for the best in the NBA — on the one-year anniversary of Mike D'Antoni taking over as head coach

"I didn't know how close I was to a triple-double," Stoudemire said. "Coach told me that I was two assists away, but tonight I just came out and wanted to be a complete player, trying to get everyone involved.

"The triple-double is going to come. It's something I'm going to try and do."

Shawn Marion and Quentin Richardson each added 20 points for Phoenix, which exceeded its NBA-high average of 108.6 points per game. Joe Johnson scored 12 points and Steven Hunter 10, with Steve Nash contributing nine points and 14 assists.

The expansion Bobcats, who are 0-9 on the road, were led by former Phoenix point guard Brevin Knight's season-high 17 noints

Primoz Brezec had 16 points, and Keith Bogans and Kareem Rush each scored 15. Rookie Emeka Okafor extended his NBA-best consecutive game streak with his ninth straight double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Suns led by as many as 17 points in the fourth quarter, but couldn't nut away the nesky Rob. cats. But when the Suns needed offense, Stoudemire came

"Amare had that extra juice and he got us over the hump," D'Antoni said. "He had an unbelievable first half ... eight assists is great for him. If he does that, we will be fine."

Phoenix now has won 12 straight games when playing an expansion team for the first time. Its only loss to an expansion team was to fellow first-year franchise Milwaukee in the 1968-69 season. Despite the loss, Charlotte coach Bernie Bickerstaff was

proud of his team "They never give up," he said.

"You're playing against a terrific basketball team ... a team that likes to get up and down the court and our guys just never surren-

der. My thing to them is ... you keep playing the way you're playing then you're going to cause

some problems to some teams.' Knight agreed with his coach. "We just play with our hearts," he

Stoudemire scored 20 points in the first half, including nine straight for Phoenix late in the second quarter as the Suns raced to a 64-55 lead. He shot 8-for-12 and grabbed eight rebounds.

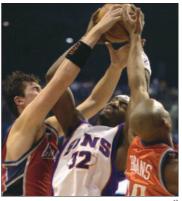
He finished 13-for-20 from the field and 10-for-12 from the foul

"It was a great game tonight." Stoudemire said of his overall contributions. "I knew they were coming with the double- and triple-team, and I did a great job of passing off. When guys are double-teaming, the best thing I can do is give guys wide-open shots and they were knocking them down tonight."

The Suns used an 11-0 run during a two-minute span of the first period to take the lead for good. 15-8. Phoenix led by as many as 11 points six times during the half and Charlotte never came closes than four.

Richardson who hit consecutive three-pointers during the spurt that carried the Suns from an 8-4 deficit into the lead, finished the half with 14 points.

Knight surpassed his previous



Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire (32) nulls down an offensive rehound over Charlotte Robcats center Primoz Brezec on Friday.

season high of 14 points in the first half, scoring 15 on 6-for-8

The Bobcats helped themselves stay in contention by committing only one turnover in the half.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

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New York	9	10	.474	-		
Boston	7	11	.389	11		
Philadelphia	7		.368	2		
Toronto	7	15	.318	3		
New Jersey	6	13	.316	3		
Southeast	Divis	ion				
Orlando	13	6	.684	_		
Miami	14	7	.667	1		
Washington	11	6	.647	- 1		
Charlotte	- 4	13	.235	8		
Atlanta	4	15	.211	9		
Central I	Divisio	n				
Cleveland	12	7	.632	_		
Detroit	10	9	.526	2		
Indiana	10	9	.526	5		
Milwaukee	- 6		.353	2		
Chicago	- 3	14	.176	8		
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Dallas			.619	3		
Houston	9	11	.450			
Memphis	8	13	.381	8		
New Orleans	1	17	.056	131/2		
Northwest I	Divis	ion				
Seattle	17	3	.850	-		
Minnesota	13	6	.684	31/2		
Denver	12	- 7	.632	41/2		
Portland	9	9	.500	7		
Utah	. 9	11	.450	8		
Pacific Division						
Phoenix	17	3	.850			
Sacramento	13	- 6	.684	31/2		
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Heat 92, Grizzlies 84

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Bucks 95, Pacers 86

INDIANA — Foster 4-5 3-4 11, J.Jones 3-7 0-0 8, Harrison 2-6 5-5 9, Johnson 3-12 3-4 9, Mill-er 5-16 6-6 17, Croshere 5-11 3-4 14, F.Jones 4-10 5-5 13, E.Gill 0-1 0-0, Fowlkes 2-4 0-0 5, Haislip 0-0 0-0 0, Edwards 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-72 25-28 86.

28-72 25-28 86. MILWAUKEE — Mason 2-12 7-8 12, Smith 4-6 1-2 9, Gadzuric 4-7 2-2 10, Redd 7-15 6-7 21, M.Williams 3-10 7-8 13, Pachulia 2-6 1-2 5, James 5-12 3-3 16, K.Gill 2-7 1-1 5, Fizer 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 30-77 30-35 95.

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Haywood makes up for late misses vs. Knicks

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With \$5 seconds remaining, Brendan Haywood missed two free throws that would have put the Washington Wizards in the lead. The second one was an ugly short-arm that had no chance of going in. "I was mad," teammate Gilbert Arenas adi, "But I couldn't show him I was mad."

said. "But I couldn't show him I was mad."

Haywood turned mad to glad in a hurry. He grabbed a rebound and converted a three-point play with 7.1 seconds remaining Friday night, giving Washington a 106-104 victory over the New York Knicks.

"A big play," Arenas said. "I told him I was going to give him \$10,000 in gift certificates." "Knowing Gilbert," responded Haywood,

the team's runaway miser, "he'll give me \$10,000 in gift certificates to Victoria's Secret. That's the type of guy he is."

Haywood's heroics came on his team's 27th offensive rebound, tied for the most in an NBA game this season. Antawn Jamison had 25 points and 13 rebounds for the Wizards, who have won five of six.

Arenas had 20 points and seven assists. All the Washington starters reached double figures early in the third quarter during an entertaining game of fast breaks, dunks and flashy moves.

Haywood finished with 17 points and 14 re-

bounds, but nearly pulled another fourth-quarter disappearing act. He was scoreless in the second half before his game-winning three-point play.

"Missing those free throws really hurt... You have to keep your mind clear, because you never know how it's going to come back," Haywood said. "Ionight it just came back on me, and I was able to make the play. I've been saying it for a whole year: I want to play in the fourth, so I might as well do something when I'm in there."

The Knicks were more upset over another play by Haywood. The Wizards center blocked Stephon Marbury's short jumper as the ball was on the way down with 41 seconds left. The official ruled that the ball was going to fall short of the rim, so no goaltending was

"Yeah, he did goaltend it," Marbury said.
"The ball was up in the air going down. They
didn't call it. There's nothing you can do about
it. It's not like we're playing CYO and you can
protest the game. You've just got to live with

After Haywood's three-point play, New York had two final chances to tie, but Nazr Mohammed missed a tough shot in traffic and Kurt Thomas failed to put in the rebound as time expired.

"I got a good look at it and missed the shot,"
Mohammed said. "Besides an open layup, you



Washington Wizards' Brendan Haywood (33) tries to stop New York Knicks' Stephon Marbury (3) during the first quarter on Friday.

can't ask for a better shot. I got a wide open shot within a foot in the paint."

Mohammed finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Marbury had 18 points and seven assists. The Knicks have lost four of five and has fallen below .500, although they remain in

has fallen below .500, although they remain in first place in the Atlantic Division. "They had 27 offensive rebounds, that's sickening." Mohammed said. "As far as being

up one offensive rebound."

Allan Houston, playing his first game of the

Raptors put Carter on injured list

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors was placed on the injured list with a strained left Achilles' tendon Friday and will miss at least five games. Carter was hurt in the first

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minute of the second half in Toronto's 90-86 overtime loss at Detroit on Wednesday.

"It's just something that's been bothering me for three years," Carter said. "I want to let it settle down and get better instead of having it nag me."

Carter was driving along the baseline Wednesday, before pulling up and then falling to the floor. He was helped to the locker room and didn't return, then limped to

the team bus after the game.

A prolonged injury could hurt
the Raptors' chances of trading
the five-time All-Star. Carter has
asked to be dealt, and the Raptors
have held trade discussions with a
number of teams in recent weeks.

Robinson might miss season

CHICAGO — Glenn Robinson may sit out the entire season because of an ankle injury, Philadelphia 76ers coach Jim O'Brien said Friday. Robinson, earning more than

RODINSON, earning more than \$12 million in the final year of his contract, has been on the injured list all season with left ankle tendinitis and a sore elbow.

"I don't anticipate seeing him at all," O'Brien said. "He said he is incapable of playing. My understanding is that his ankles are incapable of carrying him on the court."

Earlier this season, Robinson was upset that Philadelphia didn't trade him. He averaged 16.6 points in his first season in Philadelphia last year — down from his career average of 20.8.

Wizards coach: 'Immaturity' led to Brown's suspension

WASHINGTON — Kwame Brown's boycott of a team huddle during a game was an example of immaturity that will not be tolerated, according to Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan.

Jordan on Friday discussed his decision to suspend Brown for the evening's game against the New York Knicks. The suspension was announced Thursday, one day after Brown walked away from a huddle during a home loss to Denver.

"It was detrimental to the team's success," Jordan said. "We've had some success. We've had a lot of maturity from the time of the end of the last season through the summer to preseason to now, and we're not tolerating immaturity. We're not tolerating any type of poor conduct or behavior. We'll all on the same page."

Moand sickening," Mohammed said. "As far as being the big man on this team, I hate when we give up one offensive rebound."

season after recovering from a knee injury, scored eight points in 19 minutes.

Kidd spoils Scott's return to New Jersey

The Associated Pres

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With the game on the line, Jason Kidd didn't hesitate to push his surgically-repaired knee to the limit.

Kidd hit a go-ahead basket early in overtime, and the Nets denied former coach Byron Scott a win in his return to New Jersey with a 94-91 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Friday night.

"Coach asked me and I told him I wanted to continue to keep playing," Kidd said after contributing eight points and eight assists in a season-high 28 minutes. "I felt great. We'll see how I feel tomorrow."

Nets coach Lawrence Frank

rees coacn Lawrence Frank struggled with letting Kidd continue the extra five minutes in only his third game since returning from knee surgery in July. "I went to our coaches and said:

'I think I have to take him out,' " Frank said. "I looked at him and I went with it. I just pray he's OK." Kidd had a basket, an assist and

two rebounds in overtime.

His biggest play came with 3:26 to go when he backed David Wesley down and hit a 10-footer for a

90-88 lead.

As the teams walked off the floor, Scott pointed to Frank in acknowledgment. Kidd had ac-



knowledged Scott with a point before the game.

"He just wanted you guys to know there is no rift," said Scott, who was fired in January amid rumors that he and Kidd were at odds. "Anything you guys are trying to make it out to be, it's not... We've never had a problem and I don't know how many times I have to say that."

Nuggets 101, Raptors 87: At Toronto, Carmelo Anthony had 28 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, and Nene had a sea-

son-high 21 points.

Kenyon Martin added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Nuggets, who have won four straight.

Heat 92, Grizzlies 84: At Miami, Dwyane Wade narrowly missed a triple-double and Shaquille O'Neal scored 11 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

O'Neal made four of his five shot attempts and added two assists in the final 12 minutes, a stark difference from the middle two quarters when the Grizzlies held him scoreless and he missed the only three shots he tried.

Wade had 26 points, nine as-

sists and nine rebounds — coming up just short in a bid for what would have been the fifth triple-double in Heat history and just the second in the last 10 seasons. He and O'Neal combined for 19 of Miami's 23 fourth-quarter points.

Hawks 88, Pistons 72: Rookie Josh Smith replaced Kenny Anderson at point guard and had career highs of 12 points and four blocks in his first NBA start.

The visiting Hawks, who led by as many as 29, won for just the second time in 12 games and held Detroit to a franchise record for fewest points in a home game.

Timberwolves 113, Kings 105: Kevin Garnett scored a season-high 35 points with 18 rebounds and nine assists.

Playing before their largest home crowd of the season, the Wolves trailed for most of the first three quarters before using a 18-3 burst in the fourth to turn a four-point deficit into a 109-98 lead with 2:57 remaining.

76ers 93, Bulls 88: Allen Iverson had 23 points and 10 assistand 30 austin Dalembert had 13 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots in his first start of the season for the 76ers, who ended an eight-game road losing streak despite scoring just two points in the final 4:46.

Bucks 95, Pacers 86: At Milwaukee, Michael Redd scored 21 points and Mike James added 16 to hand the Pacers their sixth straight loss.

The victory, Milwaukee's second over Indiana in four days, helped the Bucks (6-11) avoid their worst starting record in a decade, a 5-12 mark to begin the 1994-95 season.

Magic 113. Warriors 109: At

Oakland, Calif., Steve Francis scored a season-high 36 points and also finished with eight rebounds and eight assists in Orlando's fifth win in six games.

Francis shot 11-for-26 and made all 14 of his free throws, carrying the load as Grant Hill sat out with a badly bruised right shin.

Jazz 92, Trail Blazers 87: Matt Harpring scored 17 points, including six in overtime, as host Utah snapped a six-game losing skid and avoided its first seven-game skid since 1981-82.

Attempting to tie the game in the final minute of overtime, Zach Randolph missed in the lane and Mehmet Okur stripped Shared Abdur-Rahim after he grabbed the offensive rebound. Carlos Arroyo made one free throw and Harpring hit two to clinch the win in the last 18 seconds.

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other defensive strategy.

In less than a week, the Cowboys (7-0) fended off deliberate Washington State, muscled through Syracuse's 2-3 zone and finished off the defensive assortment against UAB's full-court pressure in an 86-73 victory Friday night.

"With every style of



play, we learn something about ourselves. said Cowboys guard Daniel Bobik, who scored 14 points. "I don't think that

we are really going to see UAB's style of defense too much, but if we do, we are ready

The Blazers (4-1) used pressure to force fifth-ranked Oklahoma State into quick and often ill-advised shots, but when the Cowboys were patient, they were on target - finishing at 52 percent from the field

Joey Graham led Oklahoma State with 20 points and John Lucas III had 18 points and eight assists. Lucas spurred a 14-0 run early in the second half with a three-pointer and added another three-pointer and a three-point play in the surge to help the Cowboys build a six-point lead into a 60-40 advantage with 15 minutes to play.

"I love a physical game," said Lucas, who was slammed to the floor after a layup attempt and rammed his head into the bas-ket support after another. "I like it when you get banged up and beat up a little bit. "We played tough and I think that we

UAB's Marvett McDonald is pressured by Oklahoma State's Ivan McFarlin (left) and Jame sOn Curry during Friday night's game. No. 5 Oklahoma State beat UAB 86-73.

played hard. Most teams when they get banged up, they don't want to go back inside, but we are going to keep going inside and get to the free-throw line

The Cowboys made 25 of 30 free throws, but UAB was able to get to the line, too.

After Oklahoma State's run, the Blazers came back with eight straight points - all from the line — as they pushed a fast pace on offense, too. But they also missed four free throws in the same two-minute span and it kept them from closing the gap.

"I think that our guys came in and gave everything they had," UAB coach Mike Anderson said, "Oklahoma State did what they were supposed to do and they came

Ivan McFarlin had 10 points and 12 re-

bounds for the Cowboys and Jam Curry and Stephen Graham had 10 each.

nell Taylor led UAB with 17 points and Marques Lewis and Richard Jones added 11 points each

The Blazers closed to 69-58 when Terrence Crawford was called for goaltending on Jones' layup, but the Cowboys responded with eight straight points - including six in a row by Graham - to regain a comfortable lead.

Oklahoma State associate head coach Sean Sutton was looking for Graham to improve in other areas besides scoring.

"Joey Graham's got to go to the glass," Sutton said. "It's ridiculous for a guy as athletic as he is and as strong as he is in a wide-open game like tonight to have zero offensive rebounds."

Graham had seven rebounds - all on the defensive end - and both teams finished with 37 rebounds.

No. 17 Iowa 70, Iowa St. 63: At Iowa City, Iowa, Adam Haluska scored 20 points against his former team and Pierre Pierce added 15 points for the Hawkeyes (8-1).

Down by 11 midway through the second half, Iowa State (4-2) closed to 61-60 on Jared Homan's two free throws with 2:06 left. But Iowa's Greg Brunner hit a shot down low and the Hawkeves made enough free throws in the final minute to hold on.

Haluska, who started as a freshman at Iowa State in 2002-03, scored 10 points in the first 91/2 minutes and finished 7-for-13 from the field, including 4-for-8 on three-pointers. Homan had a career-high 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Bettman, NHL owners mull players' cutback offer

By IRA PODELI The Associated Press

TORONTO - The NHL players' union insists its proposed salary rollback will dramatically change the league's economics

Whether that's enough to persuade NHL Commissioner Gary Rettman to sign off on a deal and end the three-month lockout remains to be seen

After a proposal by the players' association on Thursday that showcased a one-time 24 percent rollback on salaries, Bettman and the owners must decide if that in cooperation with a luxury tax, revenue sharing, a lower cap on entry-level contracts and changes in the arbitration sys tem are enough givebacks to make a deal.

The new proposal didn't contain a link between league revenue and player salaries — the cost certainty that Bettman, who prefers a salary cap over a luxury tax, wants for the 30 clubs

"What people have to step back and look at it is not the labels, like 'Is it a cap?' 'Is it cost certainty? 'Is there linkage?' "NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin told The Associated Press on Friday. "I have to believe they went into these collective bargaining negotiations with the desire of significantly reducing their labor costs and doing it in a meaningful way.

"I think this proposal clearly does that." The 86-day lockout is threatening to wipe out the season. Through Friday, 386 contests and the 2005 All-Star Game were

The union says it will never accept a direct connection between revenue and player costs so if Rettman holds firm the season will likely be lost

That decision could come as early as Tuesday in Toronto when the sides meet for the second time in six days after not negotiating for three months. Bettman says the league will have reviewed the 236-page

proposal by then and will make a counterof-

"If they just come back and say 'Thank you for the rollback. Now we just want to put it in a cap system,' I know what the response of the players is going to be, and that would be most unfortunate," Saskin

The proposed luxury tax would penalize teams 20 cents for each dollar spent be-tween \$45 million and \$50 million. The penalty would increase to 25 percent the second year and 30 percent in the third.

Teams spending between \$50 million

and \$60 million would be taxed 50 cents on the dollar the first year, 55 cents the second year and 60 cents the third. Those with payrolls above that would have to pay 60 cents for every dollar the first year, 65 cents the second, and 70 cents the third vear on each dollar over the threshold. There would have been 13 teams that

would have had to pay a tax if it was in effect last season. But with the rollbacks and about 200 unsigned players, only Philadelphia, Toronto and New Jersey would currently be subject to a tax on adjusted pay-

"We don't know how much money will be raised by the tax because it may be none because teams may decide to just stay under," Saskin said.

Bettman noted that one aspect - presumably the rollback - was significant.

The rollback was increased from the 5 percent offer three months ago. The players' association figures that will provide a savings of \$270 million the first year and \$528 million over three years.

"That element is a recognition by the union of our economic condition, but it is a one-time element," Bettman said. "The rollback is an essential ingredient in implementing any new system and getting our economics back to a level that we can af-

He isn't sure the rollback is a solution that will address the overall problems the league faces - mainly certain teams that have the means to spend lots of money on players while others don't 'We have said consistently that the focus

must be on the overall systemic issues and the long-term needs and health of our game," he said.

And he still doesn't believe a luxury tax

is a system that will work for the NHL. But owners might be lured to take the deal that will provide instant savings with the salary

"I didn't find it encouraging that they tried to reference this as a one-time event with no systemic change" Saskin said When you make a rollback of this magnitude, you are not only affecting only this year's contracts but contracts that are out two, three, four years,

The union says the total package will save teams over \$1 billion.

Bettman has said that clubs lost more

than \$1.8 billion over 10 years. Owners say teams lost \$273 million in 2002-03 and \$224 million last season.

An economic study commissioned by the NHL found that players get 75 percent of league revenues. The union has challenged many of the NHL's financial findings.

They made a serious proposal, which I would suggest was the first one in this process," Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal offic-er, said. "Certainly they showed a recognition of the economic problems that the game is facing and certainly we're appreciative of that

Key points in the NHL players' proposal

Salary rollback: Immediately cuts 24 percent off all existing contracts. NHLPA says that will save teams \$270 million in the first year and \$528 million over three years. The previous offer of Sept. 9 of fered a 5 percent rollback

Salary restraints: Would restrict rookie contracts to \$850,000 a year for three years, down from last season's \$1.2 million level.

There would also be reductions in qualifying offers to restricted free agents, and would give clubs the chance to elect arbitration in a system similar to one used in

The union estimates clubs will save \$400 million over the next six years and reduce the aggregate qualifying offers due to restricted free agents by \$285 million over three years

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Includes a revenue-sharing plan to bring the bottom 15 teams within 30 percent of the revenues of the top 15 teams.

Joint player-club committees: Commit-tees would be designed to ensure improvements in the game, its marketing and its revenue.

The players proposed to pla 2006 and 2010 Winter Olympics. d to play in the

The Associated Press

Wells switches sides, joins Red Sox

Former Yankee signs two-year deal; Ortiz, Finley, Hidalgo find homes

BY RONALD BLUM

ANAHEIM, Calif. - David Wells is switching sides in the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry. The loud lefty known for his unabashed love of Yankees history agreed Saturday to a

\$16 million, two-year contract with Boston. While there was no announcement, th agreement was confirmed by a Red Sox official who snoke to The Associated Press on con-

Basehall free agent

dition of anonymity Wells gets a \$3 million signing bonus and a salary of \$2.5 million a year. In addition, he would earn \$200,000 per start from 11-20 and \$300,000 per

His decision to go to Boston was a stunning turnaround for the 41-year-old pitcher, who spent four years with New York over two tours, then went 12-8 with a 3.73 ERA last sea-

son for his hometown San Diego Padres Boston, coming off its first World Series title since 1918, also hopes to re-sign Pedro Martinez and Jason Varitek.

"I'm sure before all the players are off the board, there will be players for whom the price is right for the Boston Red Sox," Boston

GM Theo Epstein said. As the winter meetings opened Friday, Russ Ortiz, Steve Finley and Richard Hidalgo found new teams, though there were no

Arizona set the free-agent pace for the second straight day, agreeing to a \$33 million, four-year contract with Ortiz in an effort to complement Randy Johnson in its starting ro-

tation Finley, who started last season with the Diamondbacks and finished it with the Dodgers, moved down Interstate 5, agreeing to a \$14

million, two-year contract with the Anaheim Angels Texas agreed to a \$5 million, one-year deal with right fielder Richard Hidalgo, who split last season between Houston and the New York Mets. And the Florida Marlins reached

preliminary agreements with relievers Antonio Alfonseca and Todd Jones. As for the biggest names, agents appeared to be holding back, waiting for the market to

rise even higher. "When you look at last year's attendance

growth, all those things put more money in the marketplace," Mets General Manager Omar Minaya said

Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Varitek and



David Wells on Saturday agreed to a two-year contract with the Boston Red Sox that is worth \$18 million with performance bonuses.

Derek Lowe are represented by Scott Boras whose clients have not reached deals until later in the offseason in recent years.

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman expected to talk with Boras and with other top agents during the weekend including Scott Shapiro, who represents Carl Pavano. Cashman also said Yankees pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre and staff ace Mike Mussina were to have called Payano in the past week.

"He just needs some time to see where his heart is," Shapiro said. Anaheim, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit and Se-

attle also are competing for Pavano, who pretty much has ruled out returning to the Mar-"At this point in time, I'd say it's very slim," Shapiro said

"Ultimately, I don't know if they have the fi-

nancial resources to compete as the market has matured to a certain level." New York is close to an agreement with Jaret Wright on a \$21 million, three-year deal, and Cashman would like to get at least one

other starting pitcher this weekend. The Yankees also have been talking with Eric Milton. Sammy Sosa, Mike Piazza, Barry Zito, Tim

Hudson and Shawn Green have all been mentioned in trade talk, but it appears Johnson



and Kevin Brown won't be going anywhere

The Diamondbacks said Friday that while Johnson had asked them to explore trading him to a contender, they expect the 41-year-old left-hander will remain in Arizona. The Yankees pulled out of talks last week, saving Arizona's asking price was too high and it's not clear whether the Big Unit would waive his no-trade clause to go anywhere else New Arizona chief executive officer Jeff

Moorad said the talks were over and would not resume unless "they choose to re-engage. Cashman, in turn, said it was up to the Dia-

mondbacks to call him.

Arizona, responsible for large amounts of deferred payments in past contracts and coming off an 111-loss season, was thought to be on a tight budget. But the Diamondbacks agreed Thursday to a \$45 million, four-year deal with third baseman Troy Glaus, the 2002 World Series MVP with Anaheim. Then came the deal for Ortiz, a right-hander who went 15-9 with a 4.13 ERA for Atlanta but won just twice in his last 10 regular-season starts.

While the Diamondbacks tied for the 10th-most losses in major league history last season, Ortiz expects a quick turnaround.

"Winning's important. I wanted to be a part of what they're trying to accomplish," Ortiz

By adding the 39-year-old Finley, the An-gels can move Garret Anderson to left field.

where he played in 2002.
"Hey, I'm still in Los Angeles, right? Just wearing a different color," Finley said.

Finley, who turned down a \$17 million. three-year offer from the Giants, was a key factor as the Dodgers advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1996. He hit .263 with 13 homers and 46 RBIs in 58 games after the July 31 trade, finishing at .271 overall with 36 homers and 94 RBIs.

"Once we took a look at it, we said, "This is a natural," Angels General Manager Bill Stone-

Stadium chief tells Marlins to find new home by 2010

The Associated Press

MIAMI - The Florida Marlins will not be allowed to play in their stadium after the 2010 season, the latest factor in the team's prolonged struggle to get a new ballpark.

Pro Player Stadium President Bruce Schulze said 2010 is the last of a series of e-year lease options for the Marlins, who share the complex with the Miami Dolphins. He said dropping the Marlins would let the stadium pursue such events as cricket and soc-

The stadium in northern Miami-Dade County belongs to Dolphins owner and Marlins founding owner H. Wayne

"The owner is free to do what he chooses," Marlins President David Samson said Friday. "What this does is make it very clear the need for the Marlins to have a new place to play is no longer just about economics. It's about

Commissioner Bud Selig said he hoped "logic will pre-vail" and the Marlins will get a

The Marlins are deadlocked with local officials over plans to build a 38,000-seat, \$420 million retractable roof stadium near the Orange Bowl. On Wednesday, team officials met with Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman about a possible

The Las Vegas trip angered Miami Mayor Manny Diaz and City Manager Joe Arriola, who accused the team of negotiating in bad faith. However, both said the city's offer to the team stood, and county officials were optimistic about a deal.

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U.S. sprinter Collins suspended eight years

DENVER - Sprinter Michelle Collins was suspended for eight years for a doping violation linked to the BALCO scandal and will forfeit results that include 2003 indoor world and U.S. titles in the 200 meters

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Friday that a three-member panel of the American Arbitration Association concluded Collins, 33, used various performance-enhancing substances that allegedly were provided by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Though Collins never tested positive for banned substances. the appeals panel concluded she used the drugs for several years

"She engaged in a pattern of doping involving multiple drugs over a substantial period of time,

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during which she engaged and succeeded in many competi-tions," the ruling said. "The steroids she took, such as THG, and the complex and coordinated timing of her doping were designed even more than the usual doping offenses, not to be detected.

USADA based its case on patterns observed from blood and urine tests Collins had in recent along with documents seized from BALCO by federal prosecutors and statements made by BALCO officials.

Among the documents reviewed in the arbitration were e-mails Collins sent to BALCO owner Victor Conte, including one in which she asked whether with a cream she already had.

The arbitrators' ruling said Collins did not contest the authenticity of the messages, but her attorney argued in the appeal that there was no evidence to prove she had sent them

Woods, Montgomerie take early lead in Target Challenge

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. -Tiger Woods and Colin Montgomerie established themselves as the front-runners, each shooting 5-under 66 at the Target World Challenge on Friday.

Montgomerie birdied five of his first seven holes, then had to scramble for a bogey on the 18th hole to salvage a share of the lead Sherwood Country Club. Woods made five birdies in a six-hole stretch in the middle of ing only one birdie on the par 5s. They were at 9-under 133 and

were two shots clear of Jim Furyk (68) and Jay Haas (66). UC Santa Barbara, Indiana to vie for Men's College Cup

Drew CARSON, Calif.

McAthy scored two goals to lead UC Santa Barbara to a 5-0 rout of Duke in the semifinals of the NCAA Men's College Cup on Friday night.

Indiana won the other semifinal when John Michael Havden scored with 48 seconds left in second overtime to give the second-seeded Hoosiers a 3-2 victory over third-seeded Maryland. The ninth-seeded Gaucho

Gauchos (21-2-1) and Indiana (18-4-1) will meet for the NCAA championship Sunday at the Home Depot Cen-



Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis, above, (12,980 rushing yards) and the Jets' Curtis Martin (12,974) are close to achieving another milestone.

Steelers, Jets meet in AFC showdown

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Steelers barely escaped a loss in Jacksonville last week, thanks to Ben Roethlisberg-er's first late game-winning drive. With the AFC North just about wrapped up, they take on the New York Jets on Sunday, hoping to continue their run toward home-field advantage.

nome-tield advantage.

The Steelers have won 10 in a row, and the Jets have won three straight after a midseason slide. It's unlikely New York can catch New England in the AFC East, but the Jets lead the wild-card race by two games and have Chad

Pennington back at quarterback.
Pittsburgh, which can clinch its
division with a win, is favored by
6 points. That seems like a lot, especially for a team that tends to
play things close, but the spread
jumped when the Jets confirmed
that defensive end John Abraham, who is having a career year,
is out with a knee injury.

There might actually be more at stake for Pittsburgh than New York in this one.

The Steelers handed the Patriots their only loss, giving them the edge for home-field advantage in the playoffs if they win out. The Jets have their wild-card

lead, and the teams behind them are stumbling a bit, so a defeat wouldn't kill them.

Pittsburgh seems to have a touch of magic. In Jacksonville, the Steelers scored two touchdowns in the first 13 minutes. Then they were held scoreless until the Jaguars took the lead with just under 2 minutes left.

So Roethlisberger simply completed three consecutive passes to get Pittsburgh in scoring position, and Jeff Reed kicked a 36-yard field goal.

Most important, the Jets are 0-9 in Pennsylvania. Make that

0-10 — barely. STEELERS, 17-16.

Cincinnati (plus 11) at New England: The Bengals' comeback win in Baltimore last week was their most impressive in more than a decade. But the Patriots have been on a rampage since losing in Pittsburgh, and Corey Dillon should be up for his ex-mates. ... PATRIOTS, 31-17.

Indianapolis (minus 101/2) at

NFL picks

Houston: Peyton Manning had five TD passes in a 49-14 win over the Texans in Indy and would break Dan Marino's season record of 48 if he does it again... COLTS, 34-26.

agam... CULIS, 34-26.

St. Louis (plus 6½) at Carolina:
Chris Chandler starts in place of
the injured Marc Bulger for St.
Louis, which has a chance to win
the NFC West with a losing
record PANTHERS 24.17.

the NFC West with a losing record.... PANTHERS, 24-17. New Orleans (plus 7) at Dallas: Julius Jones has revived Dallas'

offense. ... COWBOYS 31-20. Philadelphia (minus 9) at Washington: Is there any reason to think the Eagles won't finish 15-1? ... EAGLES, 20-2.

15-1? ... **EAGLES, 20-2.**Oakland (plus 7½) at Atlanta:
Atlanta wraps up the NFC South.

Atlanta wraps up the NFC South.
... FALCONS, 24-20.
Tampa Bay (plus 51/2) at San

Diego: Bucs are coming on; San Diego might be down after big win... BUCS, 22-20. Seattle (plus 61/2) at Minnesota:

Seattle (plus 6½) at Minnesota: Two feeble NFC contenders. ... VI-KINGS, 37-30.

New York Giants (plus 10) at Baltimore: These Giants look like the team that lost its final eight last season.... RAVENS, 24-6.

Kansas City (off) at Tennessee (Monday night): This kind of matchup is the reason the league will be more flexible with prime-time games in the future. ... CHIEFS. 34-27.

Chicago (plus 7) at Jacksonville: The Jaguars' six wins are by a total of 23 points. ... JAGUARS, 17-12.

Cleveland (plus 11½) at Buffalo: Who knows what would have happened if the Bills hadn't stumbled early....BILLS, 27-10. Miami (plus 11½) at Denver:

Jake Plummer's erratic ways won't matter here. ... BRONCOS, 24-10.

Detroit (plus 9½) at Green Bay: An indoor team at Lambeau in December? ... PACKERS, 32-9. San Francisco (plus 6½) at Ari-

zona: Even with Denny Green's QB shuffle ... CARDS, 24-15. Last week: 7-8-1 (spread), 9-7

Last week. / ... (straight up). Season: 92-97-4 (spread), 125-67 (straight up).

Chiefs running back Holmes says he'll be back next season

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Despite a knee injury that ended his season, Priest Holmes says he is "definitely 100 percent" planning to be back for 2005.

"In terms of next year, I'm excited because of the fact that it gives me an opportunity to heal up and start preparing for the 2005 season," Kansas City's star running back said Friday, a day after the Chiefs put him on injured reserve.

"There are a lot of things we need to do. We left a lot of things on the table this year," Holmes and. "We're still playing, we're still in it in terms of winning some games and making sure we end the season the right way. But the 2005 season is going to be exciting because we know that there's a valuable lesson that we learned this year—and that is that when you start having guys go down, it makes it really difficult to win ball games."

Holmes, 31, was leading the NFL in rushing and scoring when he strained ligaments in his right knee at Tampa Bay on Nov. 7.

At first he thought he would be able to get back this year. But healing was slow, and since the Chiefs (4-8) are out of the playoff hunt, it was decided to shut him down for the rest of the season.

"The injury just gave me an opportunity to rest up and to get the body 100 percent," he said.

This is the third time injury has cut a season short for Holmes, who set an NFL record in 2003 with 27 touchdowns.

A knee injury his senior year in college forced him to come into the NFL as an undrafted free agent. He underwent hip surgery



following the 2002 season and spoke of retirement after his big

But Friday, Holmes said his love for the game had not changed.

"The football has never left me. It never will, and I don't think there's any way that it could," he said. "It's a gift and something that I can't even control. I'd have to say that it's not necessarily something you have to train for ... it's ust a God-given talent."

Redskins' Portis, Taylor fined for wearing red socks

ASHBURN, Va. — That was an expensive pair of red socks Clinton Portis wore last week. They're costing him \$5,000.

The NFL fined the Washington Redskins running back Friday for violating the league's uniform rules. Portis wore red socks instead of the team's usual white in last Sunday's 31-7 victory over the New York Giants.

Portis had one of his best games in the different attire, running for 148 yards on 31 carries. After the game, he predicted he would be fined, but he said he had to make the change because, in his words, "if you're not looking sweet, you really can't play too

Rookie safety Sean Taylor, Portis' good friend and fellow ex-Miami Hurricanes star, also wore red socks and also was fined \$5,000. Taylor was fined an additional \$7,500 for unnecessary roughness during the roughing the passer penalty in the fourth quarter.

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis: Titans: OB Steve McNair (bruised sternum) did not practice Friday and is questionable for Monday night's game against Kansas City.

Bills CB Vincent could play against Browns

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills cornerback Troy Vincent could play for the first time in more than two months Sunday against Cleveland.

Vincent tore cartilage in his right knee in the third game of the season. He had surgery and missed nine games.

He practiced this week, and coach Mike Mularkey sounded optimistic about the possibility of him playing against the Browns.

"He's had a really good week of work," Mularkey said Friday after practice.

If Vincent is activated, he more than likely wouldn't start.

Backup Terrence McGee has filled in well, making interceptions the last two games. Overall, McGee has three interceptions and two sacks, and has returned a team-record three kickoffs for truchdown this season.

Vincent, a major free agent acquisition during the offseason, had missed just 16 of a possible 192 games in his career before this season.

Right tackle Mike Williams practiced Friday in a limited cap pacity for the first time this week after a knee injury last week against Miami. Mularkey said it will be a game-time decision whether Williams starts Sunday. Marcus Price would replace Williams if he is unable to place

Middleman: From tiny Lovington, N.M., Urlacher hits the big time in Chicago

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bers that certainly would be higher if he hadn't been forced out of four games.

"It's what I do, you know. I love to play, everyone knows that, I think. I say it every week," Urlacher said.

"You know it's my job. I like being out there with my teammates, I love practicing, I love being in the locker room. It's just, football is fun. That's really all I can say about it. I want to get back out there as fast as I could."

In June 2003, Urlacher signed a nine-year, \$58.5 million contract and there have been several commercial endorsements, making him one of the city's most recomizable personalities.

He grew up in the small New Mexico town of Lovington, population 9,000, and now he's a fixture in a metropolitan area of 8 million. "I just know I've newer seen an athlete like him," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "I've never seen a superstar like him. He's a perfect teammate to the guys in the locker room. He will let you coach him. ... A lot of times some of the superstars have answers and they don't let you coach them. But he's

Urlacher's instincts are certainly responsible for much of his success. He seems to have a feel for the ball, has the speed and strength to chase down ball carriers, knock down quarterbacks or break up passes.

definitely not that way."

But he also studies more than most people know, says defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, a linebacker on the Bears' only Super Bowl winner.

"I think people don't realize that Brian comes in on Mondays and off days and is watching films," Rivera said. "He spends time down here by himself. I don't think people really understand or know that he does those things, but as far as Brian is concerned, that's fine with him."

Urlacher's concern this week is Jacksonville's Fred Taylor and Byron Leftwich, finding a way to disrupt the Jaguars' offense as both teams try to reach the playoffs with a strong final month.

Urlacher sometimes sits out practice — he did on Thursday this week — for precautionary measures and admitted he was weary last week after having missed the previous two games. But that won't keep him from being one of the most active players on the field Sunday.

"Our season is not over yet and I want to play as much as I can," he said. "So it comes down to just loving to play and being out there with my teammates."

Rams, Panthers Holding out for the pin set for rematch

Plenty at risk for last year's NFC title foes

By JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The most recent game between Caroli na and St. Louis lasted more than four hours, through all of regulation and into a second overtime, finally ending on a dramatic long touchdown that sent the Panthers to the NFC championship game.

So much has changed since that January thriller - the key players, the team records, the - that Sunday's meeting can hardly be considered a re-

Still, there's plenty on the line for two football teams battling to get into the playoffs.

The Panthers (5-7) are on a four-game winning streak and probably need to beat the Rams (6-6) to stay in contention for a wild-card berth

"This is our playoff game," said Carolina cornerback Ricky Manning Jr

St. Louis is a little better off.

Tied with Seattle for first place in the NFC West, the Rams hold the tiebreaker over the Seahawks, and a loss to Carolina wouldn't cripple their shot at getting into the postseason.

But there is a bit of pride on the line, as well as a desire to ruin Carolina's season as payback for the Panthers' 29-23 victory in the divisional playoff game.

"They did knock us out of the playoffs last year and they moved on - for me to sit here and say there isn't anything there, I would be lying," said Rams receiver Torry Holt. "There is some incentive there that they came in and defeated us on our home turf and knocked us out ... we haven't for-

Few players in either locker room have forgotten many details of that Jan 10 marathon

The Panthers blew an 11-point lead in the final 2:39 of regulation as St. Louis rallied to tie the game on a touchdown run by Marshall Faulk, a two-point conversion, an onside kick and a 33-yard field goal by Jeff Wilkins

Carolina nearly won it on the first possession of overtime when John Kasay made a 40-yard field But the Panthers were called for delay of game, the offense came back for two runs and Kasay was wide right from 45 vards

Wilkins missed a 53-yarder for the Rams, who, after forcing Carolina to punt, were moving the ball





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when Manning wrestled a pass away from Holt for an interception at the Carolina 38.

At the start of the second overtime, the Panthers were facing third-and-14 from their 31-yard line when Jake Delhomme hit Steve Smith on a slant pattern. St. Louis safety Jason Sehorn slipped as he tried to defend Smith, and the receiver took off for a 69-yard touchdown that sent Carolina on to Philadelphia and ended the Rams' season — as well as their 14-game home winning streak.

"I didn't think that game was ever going to end," Carolina cen-ter Jeff Mitchell said. "It was the longest game. It was crazy. It was like trading punches.

"And then when it was over, you were just stunned. You were like the fans who were just sitting there, staring. You were like, 'Is it finally over?

Half of the 22 starters who lined up for Carolina that day are gone, and the Rams will play without injured quarterback Marc Bulger and six others.

Carolina's changes are mostly due to injuries. Smith, who caught the winning touchdown, broke his leg in the season opener. Running backs Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster are also out, and the two combined for 181 vards rushing against the Rams.

"They are a little different," Holt said. "But as far as their fight, their intensity and the way they prepare, there is no differ-

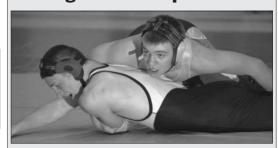
The biggest difference for the Rams is that 39-year-old quarterback Chris Chandler will be making his first start in over a year.

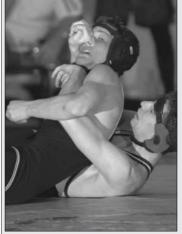
Bulger was injured in the first quarter against San Francisco last week. Chandler relieved. went 18-for-27 for 216 yards and threw his first touchdown pass in more than a year in leading St. Louis to a 16-6 victory

"I feel good, I am having a ton of fun, and I don't look at the (age) number," Chandler said. "It's just a matter of if I can still go out and have fun and enjoy the game. I feel like I can still go out and do my job."

Also, Faulk could sit out with a bruised knee, and Steven Jackhis understudy, has sprained right knee

Jackson had 119 vards on 26 carries against the 49ers.



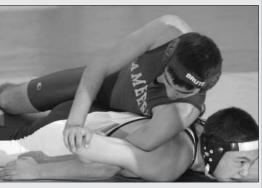


Above: Wiesbaden's Paul Hurley, top, tries to flip Bitburg's Lance Hoffman during their 171-pound wrestling match in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Saturday. Hurley pinned Hoffman at 2:41 to win the match. Four teams competed in the meet.

Left: Hanau's Lucas Heisse. top, tries to break free from Bitburg's Simon Arnold during their 135-pound match. Heisse pinned Arnold at 2:34 to win

Below: Bamberg's Bryant Garcia, top, has an arm hold on Bitburg's Scott Meacham during their 125-pound match. Meacham pinned Garcia at 2:17 for the victory.

IOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripes



Hanau sweeps, moves back on top in Division II

Stars and Strines

After a weekend sweep at Black Forest Academy, the Hanau girls find themselves in the same position they occupied going into the 2003 holiday break: atop the Division II standings.

Returning All-Europe senior Katisha Fauntlerov led the Lady Panthers in Friday's 51-22 win and in Saturday's 25-12 victory.

Fauntleroy, backed by 15 points from Alexis Padgett and 12 from Kyri Bye-Nagel, scored 15 points on Friday and eight Satur-

day, along with eight steals, against BFA's slowdown game. The sweep puts Hanau, which lost by one to Kaiserslautern of

Division I the previous Saturday. atop Division II with a 2-0 league mark. The Lady Panthers resume the division season on Jan. 15 at AFNORTH

BFA fell to 0-2 in league play and 2-2 overall. The Falcons will resume their season Jan. 14 at

In other games in the final pre-holiday weekend: Ramstein steps ahead in Divi-

sion I: At Ramstein, three-time All-European Krissy Grosselin scored 20 points as the Lady Royals routed Heidelberg 42-17 for their second straight Division I

Ramstein (2-0, 2-0) took a 24-9

Girls basketball

halftime lead and coasted home. The Lady Royals' next game will be at home against Würzburg on

Jan 7 Heidelberg fell to 0.3 overall and 0-1 in Division I. The Lady Lions next play on Jan. 8 at Divi-

Second-quarter burst carrie Bitburg: Defending Division II champion Bitburg scored 22 points in the second quarter en route to a 54-23 road victory over

sion III Bamberg.

Danielle Mefford led Rithurg

with 18 points and teammate Alexandra Bintz added 15 for the Lady Barons (3-0).

Bitburg next plays at Patch on Jan. 7 and 8; SHAPE (0-4, 0-1) is scheduled to resume its season at

K-town stays perfect: Division I Kaiserslautern got 10 points from Anisha Ingram and 11 rebounds from Brittany Smith in a

Mannheim on Jan. 14.

45-12 home victory over Giessen of Division III. Kaiserslautern (3-0) went on a 22-0 run in the first quarter. K-town will open its conference

season in its next game, a Jan. 8 home contest against Ramstein. Giessen (0-3) continues its non-

conference slate when it hosts Wiesbaden of Division I on Jan. 8.

Lady Bucs sweep Bobcats: At Baumholder, the Lady Bucs of Division III-South evened their record against III-North teams with 28-23 and 27-24 victories

over London Central (2-2). Tish Shelhas scored 18 points on Friday, and teammate Kandi Dyer had 11 on Saturday as Baumholder, which was swept the previous weekend by visiting Alconbury, improved to 2-2 going into its III-South opener Jan. 14 at home against Hohenfels.

London Central will host The American School in London on Wednesday before breaking for the holidays

Local scoreboard

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Noteworthy—Alex Tremble led Ramstein with 7 rebounds, teammate Relaford added 6. Heidelberg's Damon Fleming had 10.

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Saturday at BFA)

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BFA 8 6 8 8-30
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Noteworthy—Jenkins paced Mannheim

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Quintin Strawder 14, Clinton Robinson III 12, Malcolm Stephens 9.

Noteworthy—K-town, which got 9 re-bounds from Aaron Ellis, improved to 3-0. Glessen is 0-3.

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JV – Kalserslautern 38. Glessen 18.

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olocks, 4 steals and 5 rebounds; teammate at Busby added 6. IV—Würzburg 36, Hohenfels 11 Würzburg 99, Bamberg 42 (Saturday at Würzburg) tamberg

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Noteworthy—Jones pulled down 15 re-bounds and Pollock 8 for Vilseck (2-0). Den-son led Hohenfels with 9 rebounds; team-mate Busby grabbed 6 rebounds, while Washington and Anthony Marshall added 5 each.

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Noteworthy—Lenoir had 8 steals as Ram-stein upped its overall and D-1 record to 2-0 heading into the break. Heidelberg fell to 0-4 overall; 0-1 in D-1.

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nd 5 steals for Bitburg (3-0), which noteworthy—Bintz posted 12 rebounds and 5 steals for Biburg (3-0), which got 5 force steals from Erica Winters, Justine Shelona and Ann Marie Roa each had 6 rebounds or SHARE (0-4). Yu-SHAPE (3-8) Biburg 2. Hansu 51, Black Forest Academy 22. Hansu fally at Kandern, Germany 1, Black Hansu 1, 2 12 12 6-22. Top scorers—Han: Katisha Fauntlenow 12. Top scorers—Han: Katisha Fauntlenow 12.

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Alexis Padgett 15, Kyri Bye-Nagel 11; BFA:
Kelsey Garrity 9, Megan Woodward 6,
Julianne Armstrong 4,
Noteworthy—Emily Morris had 11 rebounds and Fauntleroy 9 for Hanau. bounds and Fauntleroy 9 for Hanau.
Bye-Nagel paced Hanau with 5 assists and
chanel Bashight added 5 steals. Woodward
and Garrity had 8 and 7 rebounds for BFA, respectively.

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Noteworthy—Green, who grabbed 12 re-bounds, made 7 steals and handed out 4 as-sists, sank two three-pointers for Man-nheim, which got 5 assists, 5 steals and 5 re-bounds from Krystal Salazar. Anderson led Patch with 9 rebounds. Lalau added 8 and

Meredith Beatty had 7. JV—Mannheim 18, Patch 14 Nonconference Ansbach 35, Heidelberg 18 (Friday at Ansbach) (Friday at Ansbach)

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Top scorers—Heid: Calvin 6, Campbell 6, Finch 4: Ansb: Keke Johnson 12, Brittney Britton 8, Alison Hazen 7. ton 8, Alison Hazen 7.

Noteworthy—Johnson made 10 steals for Ansbach; Hazen led all rebounders with 10, and Brittpn added 8.

JV—Heidelberg 22, Ansbach 2.

Ansbach 42, Patch 23

(Saturday at Ansbach)

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nsbach 7 14 15 6-4.
Top scorers—Pat: Anderson 14, Lalau 3
nsb: Johnson 19, Britton 13, Alicia Contr eras 6.

Noteworthy—Lalau snared 11 rebounds, and McCroskey, Meredith Beatty and Monique Hall added 5 each for Patch (o-2) Johnson made 9 more steals for Ansbach (3-0), which got 7 steals from Britton, and 8 rebounds from Hazen and 5 from Olivia

Smith.
JV—Patch 27, Ansbach 7.
Lakenheath 52, SHAPE 18
(Friday at SHAPE)
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Morris I.3, Megan Carraoine 11: SNR-S: Shelton Mothers with 6.

Noteworthy-Roa of SHAPE led all rebounders with 8: Morris topped Lakenhearth's rebounders with 6.

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AFNORTH 7 9 11 11—18
Alconbury 16 11 15 14—56
Top scorers—AFN: Natalie Pieterse 12, Tauree Blankenship 9: Alc: Catiful Laingen 15, Carly Bascom 12, Kliesha Hunt 9: Pounders William 12, Leisha Blankenship — Laingen led all 2, Tebounders with 13 telerase grabbed 12 rebounds for Association 12 and 12 rebounds for Association 12 and 13 and 14 and 15 an AFNORTH.
JV—AFNORTH 25, Alconbury 5.
Alconbury 60, AFNORTH 45
(Saturday at Alconbury)

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| Top Store | Top Stor Top scorers—AFN: bidifficentially reserved 2, whitney Pieterse 10; Alc: Bascom 15, aingen 12, Katle Schonder 10. Noteworthy—Schonder snared 13 re-bounds and Laingen 9 for Alconbury, which is 4-0. AFNORTH fell to -3.

JV—AFNORTH 50, Alconbury 22. Würzburg 26, Hohenfels (Friday at Würzburg)

(Friday at Würzburg)
Hohenfels 2 7 6 6–21
Würzburg 11 4 7 4–26
Top scorers—Hoh: Mica Nicholson 10, Ashley Gauss 7; Wzbg: Tiffany Nemelka 12, Tamika White 5, Amanda Mastrian 4, Candace ley delines 6 "Amenda Mastrian 4, Canuace-Cunana 6, "Amenda Mastrian 4, Canuace-Cunana 6, "Noteworthy—Nemelka had 10 rebounds for D-L Lady Wolders, who got 4 steals from foundation of the contract of the co

Top scorers—Vil: LaPorschia Saunders 22, Kathy Delarosa 15; Hoh: Gauss 8, Esselyn Andino 4.

Noteworthy—Saunders led Vilseck (2-0) with 9 steals and 8 rebounds. Teammate Jessica Linka had 8 rebounds and Delarosa registered 6 steals. Hohenfels' Gauss led her Höhenfels (0-3) with 5 steals.
JV—Hohenfels 12, Vilseck 3.

(Saturday at Würzburg)
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Würzburg
4 4 11 7-26
Vürzburg
4 3 7 11-25
Top scörers—Bamb: Kim Borck 10, Dinahadathis 3, Jessica Mayfield 3; Wzbg: White
0, Nemelka 6; Cunanan 5.
Noteworthy—Nemelka grabbed
7 reounds and White 5 for Würzburg. bounds and White 5 for Würzburg.

Mannheim 48, Weisbaden 36
(Saturday at Mannheim)
Wiesbaden
8 10 5 13-36
Mannheim
17 14 8 9-48
Top scorers – Wies: Crystal Disnute 10, Brittany Harris & Mann: Nyesha Green 12,
Keisey Chavarria 12, Lisa Williams 6. Noteworthy—Amanda Knox registered 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals in the Man-nheim victory. Teammates Chavarria and nheim victory. Teammates Cnave Green had 3 steals each. JV—Mannheim 16, Wiesbaden 13

Wrestling

Aviano pentagonal (Saturday)
Team scoring-Naples 93, Ayiano 43, Vicenza 15, Sigonélla 12, American Overseas School of Rome 1, Tasha Cruz (Nap.).
112-11, 18, Bender (AW): 2, Terrence Barcelon (Sig): 3, Jarred Van (Nap), 4, Michaelangelo Fano (AOSR). pelo Fano (Adosk). 119—1, Gary Vogt (Avi); 2, Lawrence Barce-on (Sig); 3, LeRoyal Tutt (Nap); 2, Eric Robert-ton (Ayi); 3, Evan Bishop (Nap); 4, Nico (Map); 4, Nico Wales (Nap). 130-1, Jason McCulley (Nap); 2, Jack Keit-er (Nap); 3, Zach Page (Avi); 4, Holly DeGuznan (Nap). 135—1, Shane Hinton (Vic); 2, Kyle Stam-ner (Vic); 3, Paolo Gabois (Nap); 4, Pablo control, Jordan Rigor (Sip): 4, Noel Fernando 196 – 1, Lupe Thorer (Nap.); 2, Steh Meltzner (Avr); 3, Mellik Amandia (Avr), 2, No. Leon 17, 3, Mellik Amandia (Avr), 2, No. Leon 17, 3, Mellik Amandia (Avr), 2, No. Leon 17, 3, Mellik (Mellik); 2, No. Leon 17, 3, Mellik (Mellik); 2, No. Leon 17, 1, Daniello Stewart (Nap.); 2, Andraw 17, 1, Stehn Aldridge (Avr); 2, Matt Hejabl Noteworthy—Defending European 145-pound champ Michael Monaco remains

Military bowling

KAISERSLAUTERN, Cerman, ers Thursday in the three-day 2000 and bowling characteristics of the three-day 2000 and bowling characteristics of the three-day 5 team event ruesday's team event resolution of the combined six-game blocks by radia Freitas USAFE championships AUTERN, Germany — Top finish-ay in the three-day 2004 USAFE four bowlers) 1, Incirlik 1 (John Price 1,162; Eddle Freitas 1,263; Rob Christeson 1,188; Jesse West 1,263; Rob 1,188) 4,801.

2. Aviano 1 (Bruce Bond 1,077; Eric Hill 1332; Isson Michalak 1163; Ken Payne 1,332; Jason Michalak 1,163; Ken Payne 1,100) 4,672. 3, Ramstein 1 (Pete Illing 1,119; Larry Lutz 1,219; Jess Edmiston 1,036; Greg Smith 1,084)

14d3 - ess cumisor, 1,000; Greg Smillin 1,009; Moteworthy - Aviano's Hill had men's high game, 256. Kendra Smith of the Spangdahiem I team had women's high game, 201. Wednesday's doubles Sir-game bics. 100; and Vernon Kwiatkowski (1,341) 2,501. A viano (Bond 1,185; and Hill 1,273) 2,483. Incirilik (Christeson 1,232; and West 1,200) 2,625. — Sametale'ik Kwiatkowski Markovski (1,341) 2,501.

1,220) 2,252. Noteworthy—Ramstein's Kwiatkowski had high men's game of 299. Gabrielle Maggle of Ramstein had women's high game, 248. Three bowlers — Paul Thompson of Ram-three bowlers. Three bowlers — Paul Thompson of Ram stein (223-278-216-717), Lutz of Ramsteir (269-248-238-755) and John Schaefer of Span gdahlem (258-206-279-743) — rolled 700 se

ries. Thursday's singles

Men-1, Freitas, fincrilk, 1,408; 2, Schaefer,
Spangdallern, 1,298; 3, Bob Zender, Ramstein, 1,298.
Women-1, Maggie, Ramstein, 1,081; 2,
Sembach, 388.
Marguez-Marker, 1,013; 3, Zorka Perez,
Marguez-Marker, 1,018; 2, Sembach, 388. Sembach, 988—mcm, 1,013; 3, 20fka Pérez, Noteworthy—Frejtas bowled high series of tournament in his final set, 247-252-267-766, to win men's high average award, 217-50. Maggie won women's high average award, 182.7.

Military basketball Southern Region men Stuttgart 97, Grafenwöhr 67 (Saturday at Stuttgart)

Top scorers—Graf: Unavailable; Stutt: Tim Burnette 22, Joe Harvey 20, Frank Price 20.

Heidelberg win streak snapped at 20 games

Stars and Stripes

Five-time defending European Division I champion Heidelberg had won 20 straight games going into the weekend, but has a string of another kind going after consecutive road losses on Friday and Saturday

At Ansbach, All-Europe senior Russell Bailey had 12 points and

Bovs basketball

Cougars ended Heidelberg's streak with a 37-31 victory. Brandon Bachtel added 10 points and Tyler Sherman grabbed eight rebounds as the Cougars overcame a 14-2 first-quarter deficit against the Lions, whose last previous loss was on Feb. 14, 2003.

Heidelberg's woes continued Saturday in a 40-35 defeat at Ramstein. The Royals lost by four to Heidelberg in last season's Division I title game.

Allen Weaver scored 17 points and Brennon Relaford 10 as Ramstein evened its Division I record at 1-1 going into the winter break.

The Royals are scheduled to host unbeaten Würzburg, which heat Ramstein 32-31 earlier this

Heidelberg (2-2, 0-1) got 11 points from T.C. Blanks in the loss at Ramstein. The Lions will resume their season at Bamberg of Division III on Jan. 8 before hosting International School of Brussels in a Division I matchup Jan. 14-15.

In other games of note Friday and Saturday

K-town stays perfect: Quintin

Strawder and Clinton Robinson III led Kaiserslautern to a 61-30 victory over Giessen in a home game that included a 22-6 onening-quarter burst by the Red Raid-

Strawder scored 14 points and Robinson 12 for Kaiserslautern (3-0). The Red Raiders are scheduled to open their Division I camnaign after the break, at home Jan. 8 against Ramstein.

Chris Feldman led winless Giessen with 11 points. The Griffins are off until they host another Division I foe, Wiesbaden, on Jan. 8.

Bobcats claim road sweep: Division III-North power London Central defeated Baumholder 61-49 on Friday and 56-30 on Saturday on the Bucs' home court to even their overall record at 2-2.

Baumholder had no answer for David Marbury, who had 16 points, 13 rebounds, five assists and five steals on Friday, and 15 points and 14 rebounds on Saturday. Anthony Thomas burned Baumholder (1-3) for 20 points on Friday.

London Central next hosts The American School in London on Wednesday before breaking for the holidays. The Bobcats then open their III-North season by hosting Alconbury on Jan. 21-22.

Baumholder resumes its season when it hosts Hohenfels in a III-South match-up Jan. 14-15.

Hanau rolls: Visiting Hanau defeated Black Forest Academy 51-43 on Friday and 53-30 on Saturday to open the Division II season 2-0.

Hanau was led in scoring both days by Jermy Marshall. He scored 18 points on Friday and 11 on Saturday. Returning All-Eu-rope post player Marcus Fontan-ez backed Marshall with 12 points and 10 rebounds on Friday, and eight points and six rebounds on Saturday.

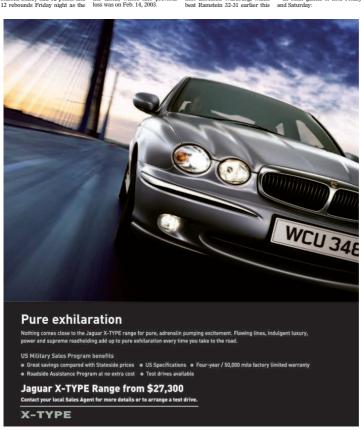
Hanau (2-1) breaks until a Jan 8 game at Würzburg of Division I. BFA (2-2, 0-2) is idle until it visits Patch on Jan. 14-15.

Vilseck victimizes Hohenfels again: Visiting Vilseck pulled away from a 35-34 lead at the end of three quarters to a 51-44 victory, its second over the Tigers this

Derrick Jones led the way with 10 points and 15 rebounds for Vilseck (2-0), which outgunned Hohenfels 55-26 to open the season. Vilseck resumes its season Jan 14 at Mannheim in a Division II contest, while the next game for Hohenfels (0-3) is at Mannheim on Jan. 7

Bison grab Division II opener: Desmond Brown scored 26 points Friday to lead visiting Mannheim to a 72-60 victory over Patch in the Division II opener for both

Reggie Jenkins scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Mannheim, which got 16 points and 10 rebounds from Earl Lee. Neal Griffin led Patch with 28 points and Stephen Fey came up with 16 rebounds for the Panthers, who defeated Ansbach 62-56 in a late game Saturday.



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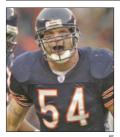
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SPORTS



Back-to-back losses end 20-game winning streak for Heidelberg boys, Page 43



Four-time Pro Bowler Brian Urlacher, above, said, "I like being out there with my mmates, I love practicing, I love being in the locker room. It's just, football is fun.

Urlacher draws comparisons with Butkus, Singletary

BY RICK GANO The Associated Press

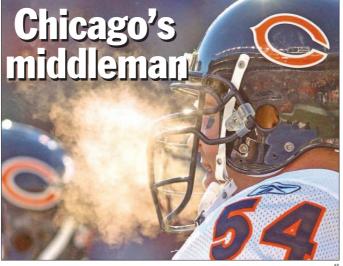
CHICAGO - During the summer before he went away to college at New Mexico, Brian Urlacher worked pipeline construction - 12-hour shifts in 100-degree heat for \$7 an hour.

Those long days of toil developed a toughness that hasn't wavered, even years later when Urlacher plays for millions as the middle linebacker of the Chicago Bears.

When his left calf swelled up like two grapefruits after a game Nov. 14, his foot went numb in the middle of the night and he needed surgery at 5 a.m. to relieve pressure from internal bleeding, doctors told him he'd be out 4-6 weeks.

Less than three weeks later. Urlacher was back on the field, playing his best game of the season: running side to side with a fury: intercenting a pass inside the 5-yard line; breaking up another pass; and making a sack among his 11 tackles to push the Bears to victory over the Minnesota Vikings last Sunday.

could, I guess. I really don't know how to



ars middle linebacker Brian Urlacher (54) has been selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his first four seasons. He's missed only four games in his NFL career — all Chicago losses and all of them this season. The Bears are 5-3 this season with him in the lineup.

Chicago is 5-3 when he's on the field, calling the defensive signals and inspiring his teammates to measure up. When he's been out this season - also missing two games with a hamstring injury that cost him the

entire preseason - they're 0-4 "When we are out on the field and it's a pressure situation, he will come out and

start joking around with you and let us know, 'Hey, it's a game and let's just do what we do,' " second-year linebacker Lance Briggs said.

When he's not there, you feel like you have to be so much more sound. And when he's there, you have a guy who is going to make plays

As a college safety and linebacker with speed and offensive skills, Urlacher was taken by the Bears in the first round of the 2000 draft out of New Mexico, one of the few colleges to show interest in him.

And after moving to middle linebacker in the third game of his rookie season, he's become an instant hit on and off the field. He was the 2000 Defensive Rookie of the Year.

He is now the face of the Rears being talked about with great linebackers Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary. His No. 54 jersey has been one of the NFL's top sellers. He's made the Pro Bowl in each of his four seasons, a span in which he never missed a game because of injury.

That changed this year when he hurt his hamstring in the first practice of training camp, meaning he's spent a lot of the season rounding into shape while battling two

Urlacher has five sacks and one intercep-

tion. He's also forced two fumbles, num-

day, has 261/2 sacks in 72 NFL games. SEE MIDDLEMAN ON PAGE 40

Brian

(left),

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"It just healed better than they thought it explain it." Urlacher said. There is no need to explain just how much better the Bears are with Urlacher than without him. It's so obvious.















USC playmaker Bush is an uncommon Heisman finalist

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